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- ☐ B. Please advise what further investigation, if any, is desired in this matter.
- ☐ C. For your information, I am enclosing a communication regarding the holder of a diplomatic or international organization visa.
- ☒ D. For your information.
- ☐ E. Please note change in caption of this case.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: ☐ Attorney General ☐ Deputy Attorney General
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June 5, 1968
Washington, D.C.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Another Government agency which conducts criminal type investigations advised on June 5, 1968, that one Charles Mayheld Davis (phonetic), had called the office of Senator Robert F. Kennedy early on the morning of June 5, 1968.

This individual stated that Senator Kennedy had helped him and other convicts get out of jail and that he, Davis, and other convicts were going to get guns "so sit tight."

The current edition of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company Directory for the District of Columbia, discloses no listing identifiable with Charles Mayheld Davis.

INTERNAL SECURITY DIV.
Criminal Section

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July 10, 1968.

Mr. Frederick C. Springer
25¹/₂ East Springfield
Champaign, Illinois 61820

Dear Mr. Springer:

Thank you for your recent letter to President Johnson.

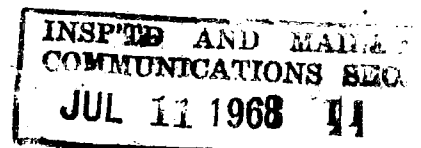
for JWY JKH

You may be sure that the President shares your concern and that of the American people and their representatives regarding the relentless drive of the world Communist movement. The President is determined that our country will successfully meet the challenges of Communism both here and abroad.

There is no Federal legislation which effectively outlaws the Communist Party as such, and there is no law preventing Communists from making speeches or holding private or public meetings. Moreover, it is not illegal in and of itself to be a member of the Communist Party. The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees to everyone the right to speak and put in print his views on a subject even though critical of our form of government or of our public officials. It grants to each person the right to associate and meet with persons of his own choosing.

In this regard the judicial interpretation and application of the Smith Act which prohibits advocacy of the violent overthrow of the Government may be of interest. The United States Supreme Court has held that the Smith Act may not be applied in a manner prohibiting persons from teaching or advocating the abstract doctrine of violent overthrow of our Government. The Supreme Court has held that if it were to be so applied it would be held unconstitutional as denying to Americans the right to express their opinions.

Records
Mrs. Knickle
Mr. Nelson



This law has been held constitutional by the Supreme Court as long as it is applied in a manner requiring substantially more proof than mere advocacy. For example, the Court has indicated that if it is shown an active member intends to accomplish the overthrow as soon as conditions will permit and if the advocacy is of such a nature as might be reasonably expected to incite persons to action, then he could be subject to prosecution for that sort of activity.

With regard to outlawing the Communist Party it would be extremely difficult if not impossible to draft such a statute so that it would be constitutional under the protections of the First Amendment regarding freedom of speech, press, and assembly. Such legislation might also be deemed to constitute a bill of attainder. Some such proposals in the past have been opposed by both J. Edgar Hoover and the Department of Justice. Mr. Hoover observed that such legislation even if held constitutional would not cause the Party to end its operations but would drive it underground.

There is enclosed some material we have available for distribution on the subject of Communism. For additional information in this field, you may write to the Superintendent of Documents, United States Government Printing Office, Washington, D. C. 20402, who will send you, without cost, a list of publications on Communism which have been issued by Government agencies, including investigative committees of the United States Congress. From this list you can select those publications which will be most helpful to you. They are generally available at nominal cost.

As requested, a photograph of President Johnson is enclosed.

Your interest in writing to the President is appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER FRASLEY
Assistant Attorney General

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Civil Section	

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Office of the President
Washington 25, D. C. 20510

Dear Sir.

Since the death of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy,
I am greatly concerned over
the way the Senator
died. I think it
was Communist inspired.

I have wrote the
U. S. Senate and asked
them to get rid of the
Communist Party. Would
you please get rid of
the dirty rotten Communist
Party in the United
States. Also, I would
appreciate it very

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much if you would send
me an 8 by 10
picture of yourself.

I believe you already
received the letter I
wrote to you last week.

But since the death
of a person I considered
famous, I wish you
'would' have a bill
passed to outlaw the
U.S. Communist Party
in America. I am sick
of fighting them across
the sea when nothing
is being done about them
at home in the U.S.A.

Thank You -
Sincerely

Frederick C. Springer
25 1/2 E. Springfield
Champaign, Ill. 61820

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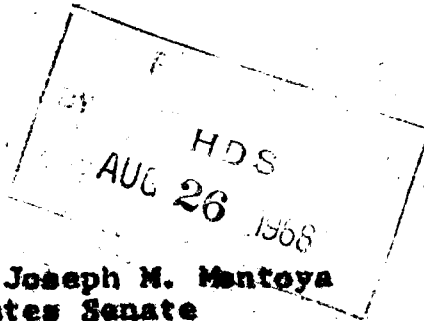
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Honorable Joseph M. Montoya
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

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Dear Senator Montoya:

Thank you for your letter of June 10, 1968, enclosing a copy of a constituent's telegram regarding the possibility of a conspiracy in the assassination of Senator Kennedy. I apologize for my delay in responding.

Immediately following the tragic death of the late Senator, the Attorney General on June 5, 1968 made the following remarks:

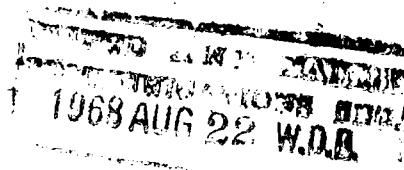
Every angle of this matter will be fully investigated. No resource will be spared. According to the information I have at this moment, we have no evidence of a conspiracy; only the evidence of this individual act. But every lead will be followed. No stone will be left unturned.

The rules with respect to pre-trial publicity preclude further comment, but you may assure your constituent that all investigative aspects have been and are being fully pursued.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc: Records
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Western Section



JOSEPH M. MONTOYA
NEW MEXICO

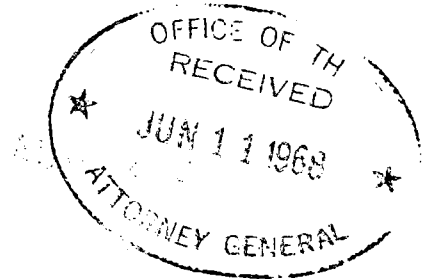
United States Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

June 10, 1968

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Honorable Ramsey Clark
Attorney General
U. S. Department of Justice
Constitution & 10th Streets, N. W.
Washington, D. C.



Dear Mr. Clark:

Enclosed is a copy of a telegram I have received from one of my constituents.

I would be deeply grateful if arrangements would be made to provide me with comments on the situation described in the attached at the earliest convenience.

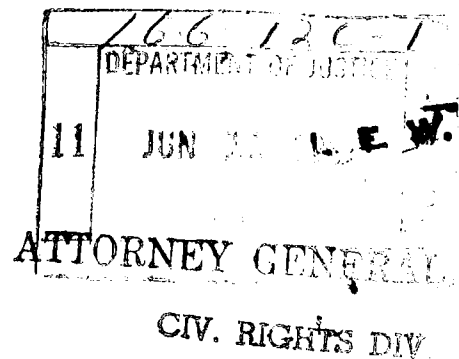
With appreciation for your many courtesies,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph M. Montoya".

Joseph M. Montoya
United States Senator

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

R. W. McFALL
PRESIDENT

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SENATOR JOSEPH M MONTOYA

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PLEASE DO NOT DISCOUNT CONSPIRACY REGARDING SENATOR KENNEDYS SHOOTING. THIS WAS USED AS AN EXCUSE FOR PRESIDENT KENNEDYS DEATH AND MARTIN LUTHER KINGS DEATH. THERE WELL MAY BE A CONSPIRACY. THINGS LIKE THIS DONT HAPPEN EVERY DAY. PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THIS TELEGRAM. PLEASE DO SOMETHING

HOWARD FATHAREE PO BOX 865 SANTA FE NMEX

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From
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

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June 27, 1968

Air mail

Mr. Robert Brown
1105 Jules Poitras
Villie St. Laurent
Apartment E-45
Montreal, P. Q.

F I
BY HDS
ON JUL 9 1968

Dear Mr. Brown:

The Attorney General has asked me to respond to your letter of June 10, 1968.

With regard to your comment on the Warren Commission, we can only point out that the Commission gathered and considered a vast amount of material, much of it having only a remote connection with the assassination. It made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts, and the evidence, as presented in the one-volume Report, amply supports its conclusions.

Your confidence in bringing your views to the attention of the Attorney General is appreciated.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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Montreal, P. R. June 10, 1968

United States Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

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TAX DIVISION
MESSENGER ROOM

My dear Sir,

I am enclosing an article which appeared in today's issue of the Montreal Star, which of course proves once again the leading murderers receive in the United States and certain half baked lawyers and judges call it justice.

This man Sirhan Sirhan should get the Gas Chamber for the dastardly crime that he is guilty of and you know it.

Ever since the enactment of the 18th amendment, which in itself was the work of a majority who should be ashamed to call themselves Americans, we have an everlasting increase in crime, crooked judges and lawyers keep criminals free and this is as true as the gospel and you cannot deny this.

I have read the Harper's report and I consider it a masterpiece of legalism and legal niceties which are hard to accept as the truth, by the way this opinion is shared by many.

Now we have to lose another great American by the hand of an assassin who had 4,000 of bills in his pocket, where did this money go?

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It is true all kinds of commissions set up to do what
but spend the taxpayers money.

The control of firearms is a disgrace
in the United States and you cannot deny this,
a visit to that half breed state of Vermont
will prove to you that Burlington Vermont is a
real arsenal where anyone can buy what they
desire in firearms, no questions asked and many
of these find their way into Quebec where all
types of gangsters seem to have a paradise
of their own. Band holdups every week, Police
shot down in cold blood.

Law procedure is too damn slow
and in most instances as evasive as anything gets
to be.

This individual now held in Los Angeles
should have his day in court and then get him
in the Gas Chamber where he belongs.

Criminal lawyers don't work for pleasure
and you know it and when the Public have
to listen to such nonsense as insanity, are begins
to wonder who runs our courts and where is
justice?

Yours sincerely
Robert B. Brade
1105 Jules Viatras
Vill St. Laurent
Montreal, P.Q.
Canada

Was there conspiracy?

Tighten case against Sirhan

Associated Press - UPI

LOS ANGELES, June 10—With Sirhan Bishara Sirhan behind bars, top prosecutors are meeting daily in hopes of closing holes in Los Angeles County Superior Court Case No. A233421.

That case contains the murder charge against the 24-year-old Jordanian immigrant accused of slaying Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

Sirhan is to enter a plea to the charge June 28.

Although Sirhan was arrested at the scene of the fatal shooting early Wednesday, and identified by several witnesses as the New York senator's assailant, the case presents unanswered questions.

Not the least of them is whether there was a conspiracy behind the shooting.

Police haven't been able to produce the dark-haired "girl in the polka-dot dress." Sandy Serrano, 20, a Youth for Kennedy worker, reported seeing the girl run from the Ambassador Hotel after the shooting and say: "We shot him!"

Not the girl

Three young women, the latest a 19-year-old belly dancer, have claimed to be the girl in the polka-dot dress, all saying Miss Serrano misunderstood their words as they ran from the hotel. But Miss Serrano says none is the girl she saw.

"You've got to be color-blind to think that's the girl," Miss Serrano said of the belly dancer, Kathy Fulmer, who had told police she was wearing a polka-dot scarf and a blonde wig the night of the murder.

Meanwhile, Pasadena police are keeping a 24-hour guard at the home of Sirhan's family, although the family has not been staying there.

Besides imposing the strictest security precautions ever at Los Angeles County jail

here, authorities are trying to limit comment on the case by all persons connected with it and by public officials.

Of five other persons wounded during the Kennedy shooting, three have been released from hospitals and the other two are reported in good condition.

Sirhan has asked the American Civil Liberties Union to help find a "big name" lawyer to defend him.

A. L. Wirin, noted constitutional lawyer and chief counsel of the Southern California ACLU, has been visiting Sirhan daily in his cell.

Ask for attorney

This week Wirin will ask presiding Judge Richard Schauer of Los Angeles Superior Court to call on the Los Angeles Bar Association and other legal groups to obtain a defence attorney.

Superior Judge Arthur Alarcon rejected Wirin's motion at the arraignment for "one or more outstanding lawyers" to be appointed to defend Sirhan but indicated he would reconsider the request at a later time.

Wirin emphasizes that the ACLU has not undertaken the defence of Sirhan and has commended the courts and prosecution for vigorously protecting the defendant's rights, rare praise from the ACLU.

Sirhan presently is represented by Wilbur F. Littlefield, chief deputy trial lawyer in the public defender's office. At his request, entering of a plea of guilt or innocence was continued until June 28.

Wirin hopes that a lawyer of the calibre of Melvin Belli, who defended Jack Ruby in Dallas, would be sought by the court.

U.S. ambassador at large; n, former secretary of the d; John Seigenthaler, face hessean; J. A. Whittaker, end; and Stephen Smith, a s national day of mourning.

— In a word, of social justice."

He said the assassination "inscribes itself in indelible characters not only in the history of the United States of America but as well in the conscience of humanity."

Elsewhere in Europe, American churches were filled with large congregations of visitors and members of American communities who came to hear special services for the slain senator.

In Paris, Catholic, Episcopal and other Protestant denominations which serve the American community held special services in which ministers and priests alike condemned the violence which killed Kennedy. They praised his contribution to the fight for peace, justice and dignity of man.

In London, hundreds of visitors formed a steady line into the American embassy to add their signatures to books of condolences for Kennedy, which now mount to volumes.

Students at International Hall at London University brought a huge red, white and blue floral wreath to the embassy which has been in the past the target of violent demonstrations by students.

One British housewife explained, "I feel I just had to come. This was not just an American tragedy, but a tragedy of our generation."

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commitment to the ideals and great enterprises of American Society.

"Our future may live beyond our vision, but is not completely beyond our control. It is the shaping impulse of America that neither fate nor nature nor the irresistible tides of history, but the work of our own hands, matched to reason and principle, that will determine our destiny. There is pride in that, even arrogance, but there is also experience and truth. In any event, it is the only way we can live."

This is the way he lived. My brother need not be idealized, or enlarged in death beyond what he was in life, to be remembered simply as a good and decent man, who saw wrong and tried to right it, saw suffering and tried to heal it, saw war and tried to stop it.

Party leaders attend Ottawa memorial Mass

Canadian Press

OTTAWA, June 10 — The leaders of three national political parties were among some 1,000 people who attended a Mass and memorial service here yesterday for Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The service at Notre Dame Cathedral was attended by Prime Minister Trudeau, Conservative Leader Stanfield, NDP Leader Douglas and about 100 members of the diplomatic corps, including W. Walton Butterworth, U.S. ambassador to Canada.

Archbishop J. A. Plourde, head of the Ottawa Roman Catholic archdiocese, celebrated the Mass and said during a brief sermon that the mourning would be "un-

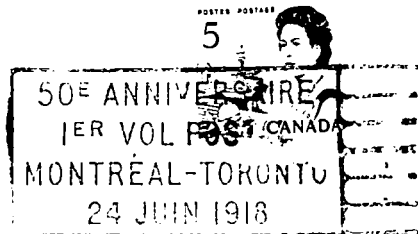
life and the method of his death.

"He fought poverty, war, economic problems and the war in Viet Nam . . . he fought the very violence that finally destroyed him."

Anglican Bishop E. S. Reed, leading the congregation in prayer during an ecumenical service that followed the Mass, said mankind "must overcome the stupidity . . . which makes possible such tragic waste."

He said Senator Kennedy "battled against oppression and labored for peace."

Several hundred people stood outside the packed cathedral during the 50-minute service. When Mr. Trudeau left the church many of



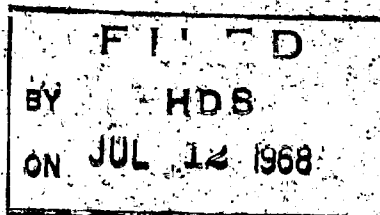
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ROBERT BROWN
1105 JULES POITRAS
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MONTREAL, P.Q.

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Mr. Robert W. Murphy
80 St. Marks Place
Staten Island, New York

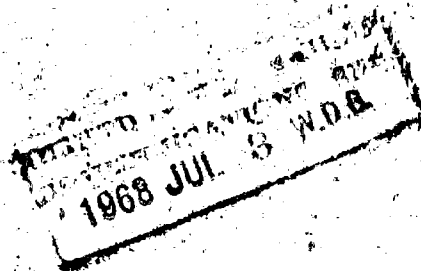
Dear Mr. Murphy:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your recent communication. He appreciates the interest which prompted you to share your views with him.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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M. Johnson



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The President of the United States
Washington, 25, D.C.

Mr. President:

THIS ANIMAL that destroyed Senator Robert F. Kennedy MUST NOT be destroyed by "due process".

No matter the State, or the laws of that State, THIS ANIMAL must be CAGED for the REMAINDER of it's NATURAL LIFE.

THIS ANIMAL is twenty four years of age. I shall pray every hour of every day that THIS ANIMAL will live to age one hundred; live with the horror of his act, and in utter hopelessness of ever again being free...

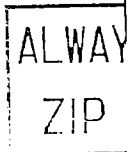
To provide THIS ANIMAL with ANY loophole-with ANY possibility of future freedom- would be not only a ghastly travesty on Justice, but an INFAMOUS CRIME against Humanity....

Robert W. Murphy
80 St. Marks Place
Staten Island 10301, N.Y.

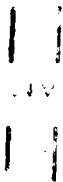
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The President of the United States
Washington 25, D. C.



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Staten Island 10301, NY

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FILE-M.A.J.

2675 Ocean Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y. 11229
June 10, 1968

Mr. Fred Vinson Jr., Assistant U.S. Attorney General
c/o Scotland Yard
London, England

Dear Mr. Vinson:

I have just heard a radio news program announcing that James Earl Ray, alleged assassin of Dr. Martin Luther King, will be held by British authorities until June 18th. The Sunday News of June 9, 1968 stated the following:

"Last night Fred M. Vinson Jr., head of the Justice Department's Criminal Division, flew to London to review on behalf of the United States the custody, protection and expeditious return to this country of James Earl Ray."

The announcement by F.B.I. Director Hoover of the arrest in London of Dr. King's assassin came close on the heels of the shattering news of the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. The shock of

The Senator's assassination was devastating to the American people who have not yet recovered from the wounds inflicted on them by President John F. Kennedy's murder at the hands of Lee Harvey Oswald.

Almost as shattering as the President's assassination itself was the subsequent killing of the assassin surrounded as he was by a phalanx of Dallas police. The murder of Senator Kennedy in the midst of his security guards is a startling parallel to the execution of Oswald by Jack Ruby in full view of a nation-wide television audience.

The death of Senator Kennedy like that of Lee Harvey Oswald has raised serious questions as to the effectiveness of the agencies responsible for our national security. The action of President Johnson in assigning secret service men to guard all major presidential candidates points up the threat to our national ~~of~~ security posed by political assassination.

In connection with all three assassinations there is one remarkable reaction by our security agencies - namely their haste to assure the public that there is no

evidence of a conspiracy by enemy agents. The assassin is immediately labelled a sick individual and a product of our sick society. The nation is invited from every pulpit and forum to don sackcloth and ashes and and heap upon its head the hot coals of the collective guilt for the martyr whose murder is laid at the door of the people.

all this mandarin crocodile tear smokes strongly of a calculated brainwashing and of the psychological warfare so effectively practiced by the communist intelligence agencies in turning against our own country the hatred and outrage which should be directed toward the communist aggressors in Vietnam.

I submit that it is not society which is sick - it is our intelligent services and our leadership who are sick. They are suffering from a pervasive amnesia that has blinded them to the existence of the world-wide communist conspiracy to destroy democracy by force and violence.

With respect to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King every known fact fits into a pattern of action which can be explained only on the basis of a classic

example of political conspiracy. The motive for the assassination was two fold - to eliminate the apostle of non-violence and to set off the holocaust of arson, murder, and destruction which did in fact sweep the nation.

The assassination was long and carefully plotted and financed by enemy intelligence following a modus operandi consistent with the theory that James Earl Ray was remotely controlled by Colonel Abel of the K. L. B. working perhaps with Kim Philby. It is highly unlikely that Ray himself would have the slightest inkling that he was acting as an agent of the Communist intelligence assassination apparatus. To Ray the murder of Dr. King was a professional "contract" killing prepared with all the meticulous attention to detail described by Burton Tuckner in his book "Murder Incorporated."

The modus operandi of a Cosa Nostra killing is perhaps best shown by the tactic of cutting in on the police radio waveband to draw ~~the~~ the pursuit off on a wild-goose chase while Ray made good his escape.

It is Ray's operations in Canada which show the earmarks of the K. L. B.

standard operating procedure utilizing their local network.

Ray's assumption of the identity of police constable Sneyd is a tactic that recalls the identical procedure of the soviet agents in the Baltch Case which was tried by U. S. Attorney Hoey in Brooklyn Federal Court. Another interesting parallel to the Baltch case is the fondness of the N. E. B. for assuming the cover of the teaching profession. Baltch himself taught languages in a Beverly school and took courses in a radio school.

According to the N. Y. Daily News of June 10, 1968 Ray chose for his second alias the name of Paul Bridgeman who is listed in the Toronto city directory as a consulting teacher for the Board of Education. Both Colonel Abel and the Baltches cultivated the acquaintance of school teachers whose sympathy with and participation in Communist front organizations has been documented before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee. Ray's choice of a teacher for his second alias might tie in with the fact stated by James B. Donovan, Colonel Abel's defense attorney, that the New York City

Teachers Union was a communist-dominated union conducting a Trojan Horse operation for the penetration and takeover of the city's 50,000 man teaching profession.

Samuel B. Donovan's book "Strangler on the Bridge" provides one exotic detail which would tend to support the theory that Dr. King's assassination was a "murder incorporated" contract undertaken as a joint venture by the K. K. K. who sub-contracted the actual killing to the Cosa Nostra. The convict with whom Colonel Abel shared a cell in the federal penitentiary was Squillante, godson of a prominent Cosa Nostra dignitary, and king of the private sanitation cartage racket in the Westchester area.

A man with the intelligent background of Colonel Abel could hardly fail to see the immense possibilities of using as a powerful auxiliary the de facto political control exercised by the Cosa Nostra over our popularly elected officials. The "Marengo Case" currently in progress in the Federal Court at Foley Square is unfolding a machiavellian intrigue for subversion and corruption of the city government that would have some

credit to Stalin himself.

Herbert A. Ethier, the alleged undercover agent for the F. B. I., under the guise of a labor lawyer was acting as attorney for corrupt labor leaders who plundered their union pension funds for the benefit of their Cosa Nostra masters. It seems quite conceivable that Ethier was acting as a double agent monitoring the F. B. I. for the benefit of Tony "Ducks" Corallo and his Mafia associates as a counter-espionage agent.

Ethier's frequent trips to London might provide the link between the local Cosa Nostra and the K. G. B. apparatus which may have been passing Ray along their underground railway to an ultimate disappearance behind the Iron Curtain.

The sudden trip to London of Theodore Whell in the midst of his mediation efforts in the dispute between President Shanker of the United Federation of Teachers and the Board of Education may have some bearing on the King assassination. Whell, as a nationally-known labor mediator, has participated in Teachers Union Contract Negotiations and has dozens of connections with leaders of Communist-front organizations masquerading

as peace groups and civil rights groups. He and his wife have been active with Negro Civil Rights Organizations and were personally acquainted with Dr. Martin Luther King.

Theodore Wheel, on the other hand, knew Robert L. Hines and James Marcum and is probably fully aware of the close working relationships between officials on all levels of government and the international network of the Mafia.

James Earl Ray, King's assassin, was a baker according to his F.B.I. description. As such he may have been a member of the Bakers and Confectioners Union headed by Mr. Motto who is a co-defendant with Tony Corallo of the Cosa Nostra. Another detail tending to connect Ray with the Cosa Nostra and the H. G. B. is his alleged effort to obtain funds from a Swiss bank. This may be the pay-off money for the execution of the "contract" on Dr. King.

The Colonel Abel trial, the espionage trial of the Butcher, and the current Cosa Nostra exposé in the Marcum Case provide many details of the modern Operands closely followed

by James Earl Ray in the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King.

The theory here advanced that James Earl Ray was carrying out a politically-motivated assassination contracted by the Cosa Nostra acting as paymaster for the H. G. B. is based on the facts so far published in the news media. Whether or not the theory is confirmed by hard evidence will not materially affect the known fact that enemy intelligence possesses the capabilities of carrying out political assassinations and that such murders have in fact been repeatedly executed.

~~As~~ A corollary to the above theory is the assumption that attempts will be made to silence Ray so as to conceal the modus operandi of the enemy intelligence murder apparatus.

A successful attempt on Ray's life would have disastrous ^{effects} ~~consequences~~ on the morale of the American people and would shatter their confidence in our security agencies.

Sincerely yours,
Rudolf B. Gordon

Enclosures - letter to President
Johnson

*"We will bury you!" - Khrushchev
(A program report)*

ASSOCIATED TEACHERS AGAINST CORRUPTION

The following letter is reproduced in the interest of the "People's Right to Know."

Copies will be circulated to all Presidential candidates and to all law enforcement and investigation agencies - city, state, and federal. Supporting documents are available.

2675 Ocean Ave.
Brooklyn, N.Y.
March 15, 1968

President Lyndon Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

The enclosed letter to Richard Nixon and to Governor Rockefeller raises the crucial issue of the breakdown of law and order in New York City and State. The most dangerous aspect of this breakdown is that the judiciary, the police, the district attorneys and the law enforcement machinery have been found to be in league with organized crime for the exploitation of the citizens who are heavily taxed to support a government which betrays them.

I shall cite only a few of the major scandals that have shaken the confidence of the public in their government officials.

1) The "Marcus Case" shows that one of Mayor Lindsay's most trusted commissioners was working with Tony "Duchs" Corrallo of the Mafia to fleece the taxpayer by throwing "emergency" contracts to their co-conspirators who cut up the graft and kickbacks between them.

2) The 350 man Police Narcotics Division has been "shaken up" by Police Commissioner Leary as a result of the proof submitted by a dismissed police officer that the squad was riddled with corruption. The two most vicious examples of this corruption were the theft from an office safe of several thousand dollars intended for the widow of a policeman, and the revelation that police were peddling the same narcotics they had seized from arrested narcotics "pushers."

3) The cynical attitude of the district attorneys and the police officials is shown by their handling of the little notebook which detective Peter E. Meenan lost in the subway over a year ago. Meenan's notebook listing many firms to be touched for graft was found and turned over to city law enforcement officials a year ago.

These officials "investigated" for a year and could find no witnesses against Meenan. When finally the scandal of the "little notebook" was exposed to public view, District Attorney Hogan was unable to indict any of the grafting policemen..

Most of the dozen or so police officers who subsequently were given departmental trials have suffered no worse penalties than reprimand or transfer.

The moral of these two ugly police scandals will not be lost on police officers throughout the nation who continue to operate as the official crime syndicate in uniform.

The moral is: Don't get caught! However, if you do slip up, don't open your mouth about your superiors in the system - the worst you can get is a slap on the wrist and a transfer. In other words, the graft you kick back to your superiors is protection insurance and will be honored as such.

3) The judiciary in New York City and State has recently been shaken by two scandals and is nervously trying to hold back additional exposures of criminals whose black robes cover their black deeds.

a) The case of Judge Lloyd Sarisohn in Nassau County reveals a judge who consorts with prostitutes, fixes traffic tickets, tampers with court records, and bullies the public who appear before him.

b) The case of Judge Benjamin Schor in Kings County is involved with a conspiracy to shake down a tavern owner for his services in obtaining a liquor license.

Judge Schor is presently under indictment for perjurying himself before the Grand Jury in connection with the shakedown which involves also the New York State Liquor Authority.

Presiding Judge Beldock of the Appellate Division who announced over a year ago that he would bring up Judge Schor on charges of misconduct in office, has apparently decided to forget the whole thing. Perhaps he fears it might revive the old scandal in the State Liquor Authority where Mr. Morehouse, State Republican Chairman and close friend of Governor Rockefeller, was involved.

The list of noisome scandals among judges and law enforcement officials could be extended ad nauseam. Currently, former Judge Gustave Rosenberg is involved in an alleged conspiracy to accept a bribe for giving a suspended sentence to a captain or "button" man in the Cosa Nostra.

New York City and State under Mayor Lindsay and Governor Rockefeller have already become a "disaster" area in law enforcement. It remains only for the President to issue an official proclamation to that effect.

The enclosed letter to Mr. Nixon is an effort to brief him on the breakdown of law and order in New York State under Governor

Rockefeller, who is his rival for the Republican Presidential nomination.

The fact that Attorney General Clark has assigned a special Task Force to combat organized crime in New York City, is evidence that you and the Justice Department are fully aware of the national threat posed by the Crime Syndicate operating in our major cities.

May I suggest that you make available to Senators Robert Kennedy and Eugene McCarthy all of the facts on the threat posed to the internal security of our nation, by the treason of the judiciary and law enforcement officials who have sold out to organized crime.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Reuben R. Gordon
Associated Teachers Against Corruption

Enclosure: Letter to Richard Nixon

Note: Material for this document came from records of the

- 1) The State Commission of Investigation
- 2) National Council on Crime & Delinquency
- 3) Civilian Bureau of Intelligence
- 4) Senate Internal Security Subcommittee
- 5) President's Commission on Law Enforcement and Administration of Justice

LET'S GET OUT OF VIETNAM AND FIGHT THE SHANKER-
DONOVAN SELL-OUT OF TEACHERS AT HOME!

Is President Al Shanker and his entrenched bureaucracy a dummy front for the C.I.A.?

Are Vice President O'Neill and Richard Parrish stooges for the Communist Intelligence service?

What's behind this stage production of the Great Debate on U.F.T. policy on the Vietnam War?

The New York Times of March 8, 1967 quotes a Communist Intelligence Expert who deserves to be heard on this problem facing our union.

In discussing the strategy of Communist Intelligence Services in the West, former Polish Communist official Wladyslaw Tykocinski said:

"It is not the recruiting of spies - that is quite easy. The whole thing is political - everything should show that world opinion is supporting Communism.

"You are always looking here at home for Communists. But they - the real Communists of the intelligence apparatus - they don't want communists. They want citizens with money and influence.

"They flatter the intellectuals and the non-Communist left and they get them to do the work. They don't want them as Communist party members but as stooges who have entree in society.

"To prove to the world that you are saving the world and that you are the wave of the future, you need respectable people - not workers, but students, teachers, churchmen, professors and doctors."

This is the battle for influence that intelligence officers say the general public does not understand.

Are Shanker and Kolodny the wave of the future for the United Federation of Teachers? Is fake unionism where Superintendent Donovan and Personnel Director Lang act as hatchet-men for Shanker in purging his anti-Communist opposition - is that the wave of the future for the rank-and-file classroom teachers?

But on with the Great Debate on U.F.T. policy toward the Vietcong!

We're listening!

ASSOCIATED TEACHERS AGAINST CORRUPTION
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Hell No! We won't go -- for Al Shanker's "Big Lie" technique to cover up his rat-fink sellout of union teachers to Donovan's kangaroo court departmental trials.

The Big Lie was Shanker's statement that any suspended teacher will be defended by the Union if only he requests assistance.

The facts below throw Shanker's lie back in his teeth and in the teeth of every delegate who has joined in Shanker's conspiracy of silence.

Demand that Shanker and Kolodny answer the charge of sell-out of union members.

Beginning in May 1961 and continuing to date Mr. Shanker has denied me all rights as a tenured teacher. He has been acting in concert with the officials of the Board of Education.

The combination of this vicious discrimination and harassment came at the Delegate Assembly of March 20, 1967.

There when I rose to answer a brazen falsehood of Mr. Shanker, he replied in typical "big lie" fashion by stating that I was not a member of the union.

Apparently, Mr. Shanker was officially pronouncing me an "unperson" to excuse the fact that for six years he had denied me every right spelled out in the Union Contract as well as under State Education Laws.

The result of Mr. Shanker's failure to enforce the contract has been that I have twice been suspended without pay and dismissed from the school system with a loss in salary over the years amounting to over \$20,000 plus interest.

In support of my charges I sent a petition to Education Commissioner Allen. This petition gives the details of the Board's vicious illegal actions against me. At no time did Mr. Shanker and the Union officials offer me any assistance in enforcing my rights before Commissioner Allen.

I was compelled to carry my demand for reinstatement with pay through the Appellate Division. At this stage, the Union submitted an amicus curiae brief after having refused to supply me with counsel. I won reinstatement at a cost of \$9,000 in counsel fees which represents a year's salary. The Union officials have refused to contribute a single penny to the expense of litigation in defense of teacher tenure.

I request that my fellow delegates redress this wrong done me.

/s/ Reuben R. Gordon
Member and Delegate of the United
Federation of Teachers

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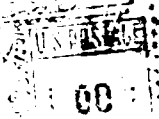
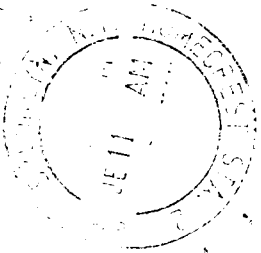
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WASHINGTON, D.C., JUNE 7, 1968**

Michael Cornelius, 621 West 17th Street, New York City, telephonically advised that while standing in the vicinity of 9th Avenue and 17th Street, New York City, on June 8, 1968, an unknown male individual came out of a telephone booth on the corner of 9th Avenue and 17th Street and asked him for money for the subway. The man then stated he did not like Kennedy and the Kennedy train en route to Washington "would be blown up because the railroad tracks were mined". The man stated the tracks were mined about one-half mile outside of Washington, D.C. The man then disappeared north on 9th Avenue.

Cornelius described individual as a Puerto Rican, five feet six inches tall, 160-170 pounds, medium build, age 31 to 32, dark in coloring, dark coat, light brown slacks, brown tie with dark stripes.

Cornelius advised man appeared drunk.

The following individuals were immediately notified by Special Agent Thomas W. Smith, Federal Bureau of Investigation, between 4:57 p.m., and 5:15 p.m., June 8, 1968:

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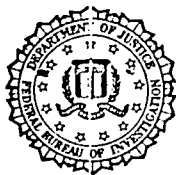
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ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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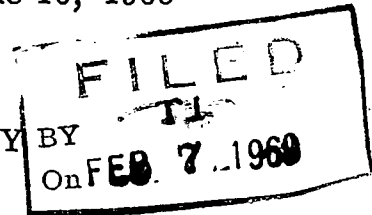
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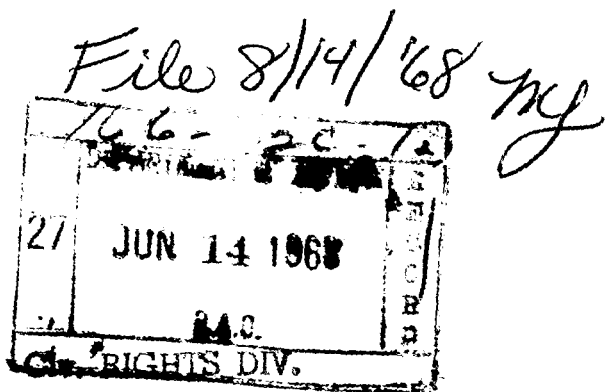
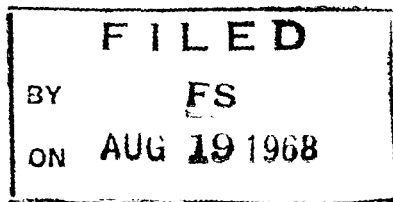
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Dear Mr. Johnson -

I don't suppose that
you will ever see the
enclosed editorial - But
if, by some miracle - you
should - I commend it
to your attention -

Sincerely

Eva Austin



They Want Less Government Control

Revolt of the Farmers

The plight of the American farmer is underscored in a recent poll by the Farm Journal which found that nine out of ten farmers favor new laws to give them more power to bargain on their own.

Nearly that many believe that farmers should organize into bargaining associations that will meet with processors and buyers on prices, and other terms, and they want a law that will penalize buyers who discriminate against farmers who join a bargaining group.

The poll revealed further that 68 per cent of the farmers believe they should purposely hold products off the market to force processors to pay higher prices.

From 65 to 80 per cent want the government to be shown of the power to veto price agreements or to set farm prices and production by boards made up of representatives of farmers, processors and consumers.

These results, plus a great many other expressions of opinion on other aspects of the farm problem, would indicate that the farmers would like to take a try at running their own businesses, without government intervention and supervision.

They want to work out their own

destiny and not be dependent on haphazard programs representing political compromises and considerations in Congress. They feel that if they control their own programs they can drop them and try something new if they don't succeed. Instead of waiting until Congress gets around to the job.

Fundamentally the farmer, who hasn't shared as well as most people in the national prosperity, wants to get out from under the heavy hand of government and try to run his own business on the theory that perhaps he knows more about it than the gentlemen in Washington.

Not the last of the factors in favor of getting the farmer out from under government control is that farm prices would depend more upon the market and less on direct government payments.

It might even mean that Washington could get along with fewer employees in the Department of Agriculture which would be a considerable achievement. With the possibility of farm price support costs decreasing and the Agriculture bureaucracy decreasing also, the attitude of the nation's farmers becomes increasingly attractive to the general public.

Fate of the Suez Canal

It has now been nearly a year since the Suez Canal was closed during the war between Israel and the Arab States and apparently no one cares except the Egyptians and the Russians.

Fifteen merchant ships were trapped in the canal when the war broke out and they are still there. Meanwhile, traffic through the canal is blocked and in the 12 months since there seems to have been no effort made to open the waterway that once was considered about as vital as the Panama Canal for ocean-going commerce.

Neither the United States nor Israel is in any hurry to have the canal re-opened, although perhaps both are suffering some inconvenience and some additional expense. But the Russians are suffering more and the Egyptians are hurting badly.

The blocked canal has impaired a Russian supply line into Vietnam and it has also impeded the expansion of Soviet influence down the Red Sea and into the gulf by the ambitious Russian fleet.

Egypt is suffering from loss of revenue, which had been running at about \$260 million a year, revenue which that country badly needs.

The United States, of course, is

quite pleased at anything that will make it more difficult for Moscow to continue pouring supplies into Vietnam. And Tel Aviv is quite happy over anything that reduces Cairo's ability to prepare for its next attempt to over-run Israel.

One of the main advantages of the Suez Canal for years had been to reduce the cost of bringing oil from the Middle East to western Europe. But the construction and increased use of huge oil tankers has largely removed that advantage and the building of additional oil pipelines from Eilat on the Gulf of Aqaba to the Mediterranean Coast would make the canal even more unnecessary from the standpoint of oil shippers.

The fate of the Suez Canal illustrates how costly war can prove to be. Once the canal was a powerful strategic force for Egypt and closing it to Israeli shipping did much to increase hard feelings between the two countries. Its closing will cause some hardship for world shipping but the principal loser will be the Egyptians.

The penny weighing machine is the only place where you can get a lot more for your money than you did 20 years ago.

Matter of Opinion

A Look Into the Future

The pace is slow in Virginia's Southside. On a hot summer day in Surry County languor hangs in the air with the dust of tractors.

High-powered automobiles that flash along flat, winding Highway 10 to Richmond seemingly speed through a past age. This is rural Virginia, south of the James River, and men weary of the hustle and bustle of business and civic affairs find it attractive; some retire here

to spacious, historic Tidewater houses.

But the atomic age is coming to Surry, has been ever since the Virginia Electric and Power Co. a few years ago announced it would construct a nuclear power plant at Gravel Neck, near Hog Island State Waterfowl Refuge. Since then, VEPCO has opened a \$40,000 information center, where the workings of atomic energy are explained, and has pressed on to make the generating station a reality.

It takes about seven years from the announcement of intent to bring a nuclear power plant into being. When the Atomic Energy Commission's Division of Reactor Licensing recommended approval of lands to build two nuclear power reactors in Surry, a milestone in the journey was reached.

The first reactor is expected to be operative by the summer of 1971, the second a year later. When both are working, they will generate enough electricity for 400,000 households. They will also generate taxes for Surry, jobs, and, perhaps, industry.

VEPCO estimates that construction expenditures, including nuclear fuel for the first five years of operation, will total about \$850 million. That's a lot of money—and power—to dump into a placid countryside, and it will put Surry smack into the 21st Century.—Norfolk Virginian-Pilot

BOOKMARKS



By Henry J. Taylor

Our Representative in Paris

Behind the scenes, South Vietnamese officials express a deep and growing concern about Presidential representative W. Averell Harriman in Paris.

They have a right to think in terms of Laos, and the common denominator that links their worry with Laos is not President Johnson. It is Mr. Harriman.

Mr. Johnson had no part in the Laos debacle, but Mr. Harriman was an important architect of it as a chief adviser to President Kennedy.

Appearing before a record-breaking 426 newsmen, and speaking to the world over on Telstar TV, President Kennedy warned Moscow, Peking and North Vietnam alike on his 62nd

day in office that the United States "will not permit" a Red takeover of Laos.

Equipped with three elaborate maps and using a pointer, Mr. Kennedy dramatically explained that a Red Laos bordering South Vietnam made South Vietnam indefensible.

Then occurred the tragic gap between Mr. Kennedy's words and the deed, as it did again in the case of the Berlin Wall and of "on site" inspection in Cuba, the island he solemnly swore to defend.

Kennedy's Presidential adviser Harriman embarked on a tour to round up 14 polyclot countries, tossed together out of nowhere, to take care of Laos and its anti-Red defense. President Kennedy appointed him

his chief negotiator with the Red North Vietnamese at Geneva.

Once more, Mr. Harriman had been a major party in the dismal program of saying one thing and doing another. And when we signed at Geneva the devastating Laos accord, Mr. Harriman even stated at Geneva: "Laos isn't too important, after all."

Yet to this very day, no military man alive knows how we could ever contain the Communists in South Vietnam since the moment they were given their sanctuary in Laos. And since President Kennedy sent the first U.S. combat troops into Vietnam we have built up our forces beyond 500,000 men and suffered 121,000 casualties in the horrible try.

It does President Johnson credit that he has never leaned on the Kennedy causes of his disastrous heritage and has scrupulously avoided reflecting in public on the fact. Moreover, Mr. Johnson's courageous action in the Dominican Republic helped to reverse the pattern of saying one thing and doing another. But how can our South Vietnam ally's well-founded suspicions fail to be revived all over again in Paris?

The tragedy of FDR at Yalta will remain to haunt America and the free world for all time. Mr. Harriman was a participant at Yalta and, incredibly, still defends the Yalta agreement. There and elsewhere, his record has been to talk a good game, as an adviser and negotiator, and then—behind the scenes—have in.

What we are seeing in Paris is the Communist hammer-lock technique: twist a little more, push a little more, fight a little more, lie a little more until resistance can stand it no longer. On the record, overcoming this is not Mr. Harriman's forte. In fact, again and again as a party to one surrender after another, he is more identified with the disastrous pattern of saying one thing and doing another than nearly anyone President Johnson could have selected.

There is a poignant personal tragedy in this, for Mr. Harriman is a diligent man. And Mr. Johnson certainly seems to mean it when he states repeatedly to the North Vietnamese that we will not tolerate a one-sided—our side—settlement. But as the talks continue the burning question mounts in Saigon: Why did the American President risk the Laos identification, to say nothing more than that, by having in Paris—of all people—W. Averell Harriman?

Mr. Johnson has a vital opportunity. If he would quietly, but at once, replace Mr. Harriman a wave of renewed confidence would sweep our South Vietnam ally and North Vietnam Paris negotiator Xuan Thuy would, at long last, begin to sit up and take notice.

Your Right to Say It

The Decline and Fall

To the Editor:

I would like to submit the following article from the Indiana General Telephone News:

One of the most widely read books of all time is "The Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire." Written in 1788 by Edward Gibbon it sets forth five basic reasons why that great civilization withered and died. These were:

- The undermining of the dignity and sanctity of the home which is the basis for human society.
- Higher and higher taxes; the spending of public money for free bread and circuses for the populace.
- The mad craze for pleasure; sports becoming every year more exciting, more brutal, more immoral.
- The building of great armaments when the real enemy was within—the decay of individual responsibility.
- The decay of religion; faith fading into mere form, losing touch with life, losing

power to guide the people.

The oft-heard warning that "history repeats itself" has an ominous meaning in the light of the above.

The average age of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. These nations progressed through this sequence:

- From Bondage to Spiritual Faith,
- From Spiritual Faith to Great Courage,
- From Courage to Liberty,
- From Liberty to Abundance,
- From Abundance to Selfishness,
- From Selfishness to Complacency,
- From Complacency to Apathy,
- From Apathy to Dependence,
- From Dependence Back Again to Bondage.

In a few years the U.S. will be 200 years old. This cycle is not inevitable—it depends on you.

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Democratic Utopia

To the Editor:

This is in response to Mr. Edwin Carter's letter in Wednesday's Progress. To say he supports the Democrats because they are more experienced in business affairs is his privilege and one thing, but to say that the Republicans are not is ludicrous.

It is ludicrous to the point of my wondering if he really means it. All I can say is "have you ever?" Messrs. Davis and Wright have been insurance executives for a number of years. I always thought that anyone understanding the intricacies of insurance was a pretty good business man.

Incidentally, if the Democratic candidates win the three seats on City Council we will have to change the name of our fair city from Charlottesville to Utopia, Va. If they can fulfill all the promises and proposals as outlined in their brochures (one candidate listed 27—everything ranging from an 18-hole golf course to underground utilities) we will certainly be living in Utopia, maybe bankrupt, but still Utopia.

Personally, I'm supporting

and working for Davis, Mothes and Wright who are advocating practical and down-to-earth things, such as maintenance of law and order, giving the people more voice in their city government and encouraging local citizens to decide what is best for the city instead of abiding by state or federal "guidelines" and advice from the "experts."

MARION S. LEAKE
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Country Is Still 'Land of the Free'

To the Editor:

Thank you for reprinting that eloquent report of the burial of the Unknown Soldier.

Also please thank Chris Cramer for his inspiring report of the meeting of the Christian Athletes a few weeks ago.

Perhaps our country is still the "Land of the Free and the Home of the Brave," in spite of much noise to the contrary.

MRS. WM. T. SNODGRASS
"Orchard Knoll"

The Press Is Blamed

To the Editor:

In light of the tragic events in Los Angeles, a comment on the atmosphere of animosity from which such deeds arise is requisite.

An intelligent citizen is one who listens with an open mind to all the candidates and though he may not agree with the policies advocated by a particular aspirant for public office, he respects that man's right to his opinion.

The fact that an assailant carries a clipping in his pocket which is critical of his victim should at least serve notice that an environment of hostility is far easier to create than one would suppose.

While it is true that in every campaign favorable and unfavorable press appears for each candidate, in this area there has been a preponderance of hostile letters and articles directed against Robert Kennedy and the rampant use of the word "ruthless" is certainly regrettable.

Perhaps the press and the

citizens of this community and many others should beware less the adjective be applied elsewhere.

FREDERIC & LOUISE DRAKE
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Abuse Charged To Columnists

To the Editor:

We have now seen the outcome of the persistent campaign of vilification and abuse directed against Sen. Robert Kennedy by, among others, columnists of the type of Henry Taylor.

If moderation and good sense are to prevail in the discussion of national affairs journalism of that type has no place. May I suggest that at this time you could make a valuable contribution to public debate by not continuing Mr. Taylor's column in your newspaper.

DR. ROBERT BRYAN
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Governor Stays Execution to Permit Appeal

RICHMOND (AP) — Gov. Mills E. Godwin Jr. has granted more than one month's stay of execution to Harry Junior Williams, 20-year-old Pittsylvania County Negro, condemned for the 1966 slaying of a white man.

Godwin granted the stay, from June 16 to July 19, to permit counsel for Williams to seek a rehearing before the State Supreme Court.

Williams, whose home is at Ringgold, was sentenced to death Feb. 13, 1967, in Pittsylvania County Circuit Court for the fatal shooting Nov. 9, 1966, of James Melvin Sarver, 38, at the Sarver home.

Williams originally had been scheduled for execution April 7, 1967, but a succession of stays has delayed his execution.

In addition to the murder conviction, Williams also is under heavy sentences for wounding Sarver's wife and two of the Sarver children. Testimony at his trial was that he came to the door of the Sarver home, shot Sarver to death when he answered the door, then stepped into the house and shot Mrs. Sarver and the two children.

Small School Burns in Valley

STRASBURG (AP) — Strasburg Elementary School caught fire about 8 a.m. today as the first pupils and teachers began arriving for the last day of school. No one was believed to be injured.

By late morning, flames had all but consumed the two-story structure.

A spokesman at the town office said the fire apparently started in a third grade room on the second floor of the older section of the school — oldest school building in Strasburg.

The fire quickly spread and within minutes was out of control.

The elementary school has an enrollment of about 500.

A town office spokesman said there was as yet no indication as to the cause of the fire.

CROZET LIONS SALE

The Crozet Lions Club door-to-door broom sale, which was curtailed by weather May 27, will be completed Monday. Proceeds will go to the Miller School library.

Retired Naval Surgeon

Pugh Tells of Herbs

By BOYCE LOVING
Progress Correspondent
GREENWOOD — "Sausage is not sausage without sage," Rear Admiral Lamont Pugh, retired surgeon-general of the Navy, told the Crozet Woman's Club in a talk on herbs this week.

Adm. Pugh, a native of the Batesville community of Albemarle County and a graduate of the University of Virginia School of Medicine, was introduced by his sister, Mrs. Virginia Mays, president of the Woman's Club. He is now physician to the students of George Washington University.

The speaker said he had made an extensive study of the origin, history and uses of herbs and added that they represent both integration and segregation. He explained that a large number of herbs may be planted in a limited plot of ground, yet not lose their plant family characteristics.

Adm. Pugh cited the fact that herbs are mentioned in the Bible and in other ancient writings. He noted that Charlemagne ordered 10 varieties of herbs planted in his garden and stated that it was the drinking of hemlock that caused the death of Socrates. Shakespeare mentions herbs a number of times, Adm. Pugh said, and stated that a search for herbs played a part in the discovery of the Western Hemisphere.

Herbs are important as food, flavoring, perfume and in medicine, the admiral said. They may be divided botanically as annuals, biennials and perennials and are classified as to the use of their roots, flowers or other portions of the plants, he pointed out.

With a sly touch of humor, the speaker noted that the American Indians got revenge for the treatment accorded them by the English colonists by introducing the latter to tobacco. The Indians, he added, knew about herbs as medicines.

"The colonists," Adm. Pugh continued, brought some European herbs to North America from their countries of origin.

The speaker also said that in 1735 the Virginia Gazette of Williamsburg carried an advertisement for the sale of sweet basil seed.

He also quoted (with tongue in cheek) a method of distinguishing between a weed and an herb: "If you pull it up and it comes back up, it is a weed."

Many herbs grown in United States gardens today are used in the manufacture of modern medicines, Adm. Pugh said. He cited the foxglove as an herb from which digitalis, a drug



ADM. LAMONT PUGH
Speaks on Herbs

used in treating heart ailments, is made.

The former Navy surgeon-general also explained the use of many other common herbs for medicinal purposes. These included horseradish, vermicifuge, mullein, etc. Marjoram and thyme, he said, are sources from which bees obtain nectar for making an excellent quality of honey.

"King of the herbs," according to Adm. Pugh, is ginseng, an herb the root of which used to be dug in the Blue Ridge and Ragged mountains in this area. Most ginseng, he explained, was exported to China, where the American medicinal root was considered superior to that from any other portion of the globe.

The speaker concluded by saying ginseng once was grown commercially near Crozet. (The grower is said to have been Riley Graves, now deceased.)

As an after-piece to his talk on herbs, the former Navy doctor recited a long humorous poem, "The Yarn of the Nancy Bell," by William Gilbert, somewhat in the vein of "The Cremation of Sam McGhee," by Robert W. Service.

"Navy Surgeon," Adm. Pugh's autobiography, was reviewed in The Daily Progress following its publication several years ago.

Strikers Close 2 More Plants

RICHMOND (AP) — Union workers for Reynolds Metals Co. struck two Richmond plants of the firm Thursday night, bringing to three the number of Reynolds plants closed in the area.

The company closed the South Richmond plant at 11 p.m. and the North Richmond plant at 11:30 p.m., after a strike vote by some 700 members of Local 400 of the Aluminum Workers International Union.

On Saturday, an estimated 300 members of Local 440 of the AWIU voted to strike Reynolds' Bellwood Extrusion plant.

A company spokesman said about 1,100 employees at the North and South Richmond plants are affected by the walkouts. The Bellwood strike affects some 400 workers, the spokesman said.

The two latest walkouts were called after the local voted Thursday to reject a contract offer by Reynolds. G. G. Goode, president of Local 400, refused to discuss the company offer or the size of the strike vote.

Virginians Back Pistol Controls

WASHINGTON (AP) — Eight of Virginia's 10 congressmen voted with the majority Wednesday when the House passed a crime control bill limiting sales of pistols. The vote was 368 to 17.

Reps. Porter Hardy, D-Va., and William C. Wampler, R-Va., did not vote.

Voting for passage were Virginia Reps. Thomas N. Downing, William M. Tucker, John O. Marsh, Watkins M. Abbott and David M. Satterfield, all Democrats and Richard C. Poff, William L. Scott and Joel T. Brohill, Republicans.

Managers Change At Bank in Greene

STANARDSVILLE — Larry E. Lamb will become acting manager of the Virginia National Bank's Greene County office on July 1.

Lamb replaces Willis E. Estes of Ruckersville, assistant cashier and manager, who will enter Officer Candidate School.

Estes, a graduate of the University of Virginia, has been manager of the Stanardsville office since February 1967.

A 1966 graduate of the University of Virginia with a degree in commerce, Lamb has been active in business in this area.

After joining the bank's staff



They're Outstanding

Brenda Joyce McCord (right) will attend Richmond Polytechnic Institute next fall with a \$1,000 scholarship from Orange's American Legion. Her classmate at Orange County High School, Jo Ann Strickland (left), won the \$250 American Silk Mills award as a distinguished student. Progress photo by Allison

'Get Involved,' Butt Tells Orange Seniors

By BEVERLEY ALLISON
Progress Correspondent
ORANGE — The 17th and largest (147) graduating class at Orange County High School was told not to expect an "instant education."

School Supt. Robert E. Butt asked the seniors to become involved in their community—to be willing to work for it and fight for it.

"Support the American way of life . . . As a graduate of the Orange County public school system, represent us well. If you fail, we have failed," Butt told the young people.

Brenda Joyce McCord, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. McCord of Madison Mills, won the top award. Chosen on the basis of scholarship, character and need, Brenda was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by Orange American Legion Post 154.

Jo Ann Strickland and DeWitt Brent Sprinkel were given the annual Distinguished Awards of \$250 each by Addison Goiser, superintendent of the American Mills.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Strickland, Jo Ann will attend Madison College. Brent is the son of Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Sprinkel and will enter the University of Virginia.

Cynthia Jill Johnson was awarded a \$150 check by the Orange Kiwanis Club for the highest English average throughout her high school career. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Johnson of Loust Grove and will attend Sweet Briar College.

A \$200 scholarship given by the Orange County Education Association to a member of the J. Thomas Walker Chapter, Future Teachers Association, who shows most promise as a teacher, went to Julie Mallory.

Julie, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mallory of Orange, will attend Madison College.

Two mathematics awards went to Edmund Moore Coleman Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ned Coleman of Rapidan.

He was awarded a \$100 check from the Orange Kiwanis Club and a \$25 prize from the Math Club.

Louise Bailey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger C. Bailey of Orange, also won two awards. She was given the Grymes Drug Store cash award for excellence in science, and was also named by the faculty as the "best all around student". As winner of this award, based on scholarship, loyalty, leadership and achievement, Louise will have her name engraved on a bronze plaque in the school lobby.

U.S. Acquires Crabtree Falls

LOVINGSTON — The George Washington National Forest has acquired a little over 54 acres at Crabtree Falls in Nelson

County in a land exchange with the Atlantic Lumber Co.

Over the years the U.S. Forest Service has been gradually acquiring land in the falls area and this most recent addition has been in the works for several years.

Crabtree Falls, located just off Va. 56 in the Blue Ridge Mountains, are actually a series of cascades that descend from Crabtree Meadows to the South Fork of the Tyne River.

Approximately 157 acres of U.S. Forest Service land was exchanged for the Crabtree Falls property. Several years ago, L. A. Snead of Amherst County suggested that the U.S. Forest Service trade timberland of equal value for the land at Crabtree Falls.

Deeds were exchanged between the U.S. Forest Service and the Atlantic Lumber Co. for the latter portion of the falls at Nelson County courthouse on Monday.

Scorpion Had Periscope Leak Before Sailing

NORFOLK (AP) — A Navy court of inquiry probing the disappearance of the submarine Scorpion has been told the ship had a leaking periscope fitting when she left the Mediterranean for Norfolk on her last voyage.

Because of the leak, the nuclear submarine had "lost a lot of hydraulic oil," Communications Technician 1 C. Josep D. Underwood testified Thursday.

Underwood, a member of the Scorpion's crew, was put ashore at Rota, Spain, because of a possible lung infection as the submarine began the ill-fated Atlantic crossing that never was completed.

"I think they were concerned about conserving it (oil)," Underwood told the court of inquiry. "I don't know whether they were short or not."

He said between May 10 and May 15 the submarine's hydraulic system started shifting back and forth between normal and emergency modes when her rudder and planes were moved. And, he said, the Scorpion's navigation instruments had trouble with her dead reckoning tracer table.

Earlier Thursday the court had been told by the deputy chief of staff of the Atlantic Fleet Submarine Force, Capt. C. N. Mitchell, that the Scorpion's propeller shaft seal was leaking at the rate of seven gallons a minute when she sailed for the Mediterranean in February.

He said, however, this was "not considered serious," and the Scorpion was in good condition.

The nuclear submarine and her crew of 99 officers and men were declared "presumed lost" by the Navy Wednesday. She had been scheduled to arrive here May 27. Her last radioed position was May 21 from near the Azores.

Fluvanna Gets HEW Letter On Race Review

PALMYRA — The Department of Health, Education and Welfare has sent the Fluvanna County School Board a report of their findings of an on-the-scene review of desegregation progress in the county.

School Supt. Willard D. Manby said today that the report's contents would be made public at the school board's June 12 meeting. He said that the HEW report "was not as bad as we thought" but that "they told us we'd have to change our way of life."

A February HEW warned the school board that it would begin administrative proceedings for the termination of your school system's federal financial assistance "unless desegregation guidelines are met."

If federal funds were stalled for the 1968-69 school year, then Fluvanna could lose over \$100,000 in federal help.

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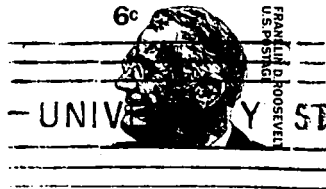
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F. July 10, 1968.

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Mrs. Roy Ridge
Route 2, Box 363
Gold Hill, Oregon 97525

Dear Mrs. Ridge:

Thank you for your recent letter addressed to President Johnson.

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You may be sure that the President shares your concern and that of the American people and their representatives regarding the relentless drive of the world Communist movement. The President is determined that our country will successfully meet the challenges of Communism both here and abroad.

JWY
SKH
There is no Federal legislation which effectively outlaws the Communist Party as such, and there is no law preventing Communists from making speeches or holding private or public meetings. Moreover, it is not illegal in and of itself to be a member of the Communist Party. The First Amendment to the Constitution guarantees to everyone the right to speak and put in print his views on a subject even though critical of our form of government or of our public officials. It grants to each person the right to associate and meet with persons of his own choosing.

In this regard the judicial interpretation and application of the Smith Act which prohibits advocacy of the violent overthrow of the Government may be of interest. The United States Supreme Court has held that the Smith Act may not be applied in a manner prohibiting persons from teaching or advocating the abstract doctrine of violent overthrow of our Government. The Supreme Court has held that if it were to be so applied it would be held unconstitutional as denying

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to Americans the right to express their opinions. This law has been held constitutional by the Supreme Court as long as it is applied in a manner requiring substantially more proof than mere advocacy. For example, the Court has indicated that if it is shown an active member intends to accomplish the overthrow as soon as conditions will permit and if the advocacy is of such a nature as might be reasonably expected to incite persons to action, then he could be subject to prosecution for that sort of activity.

With regard to outlawing the Communist Party it would be extremely difficult if not impossible to draft such a statute so that it would be constitutional under the protections of the First Amendment regarding freedom of speech, press, and assembly. Such legislation might also be deemed to constitute a bill of attainder. Some such proposals in the past have been opposed by both J. Edgar Hoover and the Department of Justice. Mr. Hoover observed that such legislation even if held constitutional would not cause the Party to end its operations but would drive it underground.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation speaks out against the Communist Party, USA and other extremist groups in his FBI Appropriation 1969. I am enclosing a copy of this testimony for your information.

Such crimes as arson, looting, murder and incitement to riot are ordinarily local offenses governed by the law of the state or city where such conduct occurs and do not usually involve a violation of Federal law.

However, you may be assured that we are constantly alert to the activities of every faction and element which poses any threat to the security of our country and that in the event evidence is developed which reflects a violation of Federal law, the Government will take immediate and effective steps to enforce the applicable statutes.

Your interest in writing to the President and your support for his policies are greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

J. WALTER YRAGLEY
Assistant Attorney General

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71 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord," Ps. 33:12
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Mrs. Roy Ridge
President Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. President:

I feel that I must write to you expressing my sorrow for the nation I love - the violence in the streets, lawlessness and disrespect for laws, and now and then a killing that shakes the country - as Senator Kennedy's murder.

As an observing citizen these are some things I see that I believe contribute:

1. There is definitely a Communist element boring within. (I know from talking and listening and reading testimony of former Communists)

2. The Word of God has been outlawed in schools. This has direct and indirect consequences, all bad for our society.

3. The religious body identifying itself as the National Council of Churches is fast taking on the identifications of Babylon The Great, The Mother of Harlots, and the Abominations of The Earth. Revelations.

4. The family unit, often "loosely knit" is so preoccupied with things that they neglect the spiritual values and do not live close enough to God. Children are not trained to obey God's laws.

5. The ~~same~~ disrespect for ~~our~~ in our elected officials. Our Congressmen have no hesitancy (most of them) in passing legislation that is definitely in violation of the Constitution.

Mr. President, you, too, are guilty of urging unconstitutional laws. (The gun control laws, to name the most recent.)

Within a few hours of Robert Kennedy's being shot, you ordered agents to guard candidates and their families, with no authority for doing so. (Yes, I know it may have seemed a good thing, but our nation is to be a government of laws not of men.)

You commit hundreds of thousands of young men to war with no Congressional approval (Declaration of War).

You have urged many laws in violation of States Rights.

Robert Kennedy did likewise - sent federal troops into Mississippi to overrule laws that states were given, rightly, under the Constitution.

He (then Attorney General Kennedy) violated a private citizen's rights by committing him (Gen. Edwin A. Walker) to a mental institution without any examination, just because he "had an axe to grind". He wanted to get rid of him some way.

Men must live by the moral law if they deserve to be free. Our nation was founded upon the foundation of belief in God and a written Constitution assuming that men of honor and integrity would conform to both.

You, Mr. President, can lead the way.

Many, many people are concerned and giving their all to turn this nation back to God.

There is still a true Church - The Church of Christ - will always be a remnant faithful to the Lord.

There may even be a great revival before the Lord returns. I pray that there will be.

The whole duty of man: - Micah 6:8.

.. "to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God".

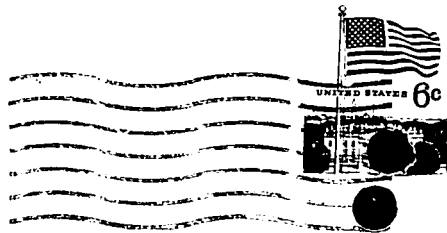
For Christ and my Country,
Mrs. Ray Ridge

P.S. Evidence keeps mounting that Robert Kennedy ^(As was J. F. Kennedy) assassin was also a Communist. How much longer is our nation going to tolerate those murderers, liars and degenerates in our nation and the world?

U.S. casualties keep on mounting as our representatives beg for conciliation in Paris. The reports we hear from returning servicemen "makes my blood boil", making the lives of pilots, and planes to dump partial loads of bombs in the ocean or in bunches, just to give a bit of substance to claims

• of bombing missions made!

Mrs. Ray Ridge
P.O. 2, Box 363
Gold Hill, Ore.
97525



President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.

6/9/68
June 25, 1968

Dear Mrs. Cookmanmaster:

On behalf of President Johnson, I should like to acknowledge your letter and thank you for writing. Your interest in letting him have your comments is appreciated and you may be sure they have been fully noted.

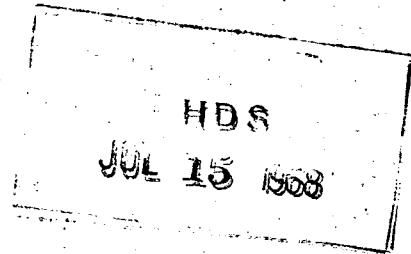
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Assistant to the President

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Assistant to the President

President Johnson, I am writing
you this information. It is to late to
do much good. But I want you and
Everyone else that are wondering why.
Robert Kennedy's life was taken - well
I'll tell you why. Because he was a
Catholic Forty some years ago the
Klu Klux Klan had a big meeting
in fields ~~prob~~ probely a couple hundred
Acres of land. North of Grand Rapids
Michigan. They Admitted every one
welcome. Well we drove out there at
the gate they Ask if we were Klansmen.
we said No. They said get-out of here.
Then later they had a meeting in the

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City Hall in Muckegon Mich. a friend
went there and was told to get out when
he said he was not a Clansman -
So can't you see why - They said then
Back forty some years ago. There
would never be a Catholic in
The White House. Two fine American
Citizens have given their lives thro
these people. And when will it all end?
This Spring I wrote you about having to
pay taxes after my husband's death &
he had not ask for tax exemption. And
you sent me that tax money with my
Social Security check. And I'll always be
greatful to you. I broke my hand last
Spring & it is still hard to write. But
hope you can understand this & age
is another factor altho I keep my home
perfect. Will be 81 - This Sept 1st I thank
God for my life and health - So please
President Johnson be careful. Who will be
next? Altho you are not Catholic Very Sincerely

Mrs. Ed Cookemaster
West Cherry Creek Road
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REASONS OF VIOLENCE DEEPLY DISTURBED ME BECAUSE YOU HAVE DONE
LITTLE OR NOTHING TO ASSERT YOUR LEADERSHIP TO IMPLEMENT THE
FINDINGS OF THE KERNER REPORT. I BESEIGE YOU IN THE NAME OF
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July 12, 1968

Mrs. James J. Esposito
3834 South Trenton
Tulsa, Oklahoma

Dear Mrs. Esposito:

President Johnson has asked me to thank you for your letter of June 9, 1968 and to assure you that the views expressed therein have been duly noted.

I am sure you can appreciate, however, that it would be most inappropriate for a Federal officer or agency to comment on a criminal matter pending in a state court.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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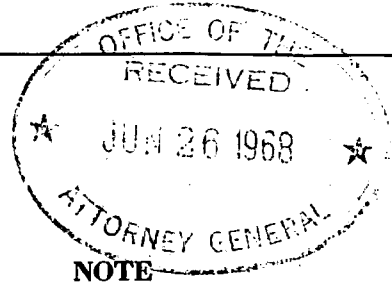
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Date: 6/9/68 (6/12 pm)

Subject: Requests quick justice for Sirhan B. Sirhan; concerned re laxity in laws and administration of justice.

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By direction of the President:



Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

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3834 S. Trenton
Tulsa, Okla
June 9, 1968

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Dear Mr. President,

We want quick justice for Sirhan
Bishara Sirhan. If he tries claiming in-
sanity then he is still a dangerous man who
should be put to death, a few of these
quick punishments will discourage others
with similar idea.

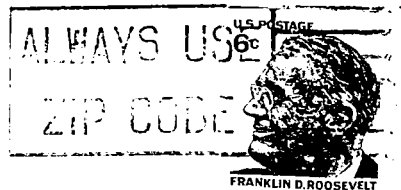
The blame rests not on the existence of
guns but on the permissive attitude of an
administration that tolerates riots, arson,
looting, extortion and a host of other crimes.
If we are going to operate let's get to the cause
of the real disease.

My son is fighting in Vietnam trying
to keep our country safe for democracy.
I hope he and others are not there
fighting in vain.

Respectfully yours,

Mrs. James J. Esposito
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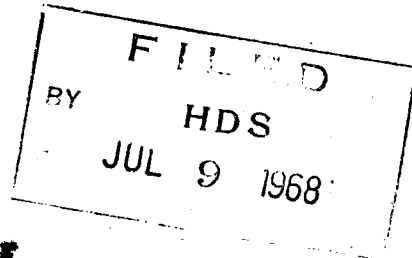
Dear Mrs. Mull:

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Thank you, on behalf of President Johnson,
for your letter at this time of terrible sorrow.
Your interest in writing is appreciated and
you may be sure that your comments have
been fully noted.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,



Whitney Shoemaker
Assistant to the President

Mrs. Laverne Mull
214 Evergreen
Daly City, California 94104

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June 8, 1968

President Johnson

Dear President we are
all deeply sorrowed of the
death of Robert Kennedy -
See quit sending troops to
Vietnam then trying to kill
off our man-power - then
planning the Communists to
come over here & take over
some day. If possible

Respectfully referred
for attention and
appropriate handling.
Whitney Alexander
Assistant to the President

Thank you

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Mr. Rallene Mull
217 Englewood Ave.
Holy City Calif.

P.S. Yes we all have to pray
to the work of the Devil
but we will win this is "Gods
Country"

See & from now on give your
self & all of our leaders more
protection. See how they
protect the Queen of England

LAVERNE MULL
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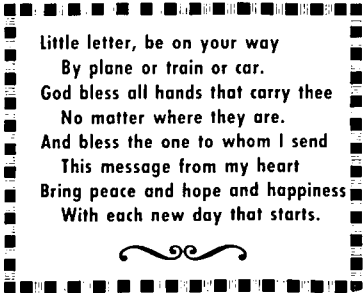


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President Johnson
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Little letter, be on your way
By plane or train or car.
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And bless the one to whom I send
This message from my heart
Bring peace and hope and happiness
With each new day that starts.



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Burn him with green wood. why?
that's the only way that we can
have peace in United States.

Yes the U.S. is, AND will become
Communist. I am a Mexcian-American
I feel ashamed we're Lost I wish
I could go and make Mexico my residence.

No I am a no body. I am
working in the fields so that I can
help myself go to College. I am working
with people I talk to, but, to people
which I hate, hate, they don't care
for us. if they did we wouldn't be
living in filth yes filth. Why send
our brothers to kill people in Vietnam
when we ourself need that protection
for ourselves AND Best of all our Fathers
of Our nation. we Lost J.F.K. now the
Second Brother to which we trusted with
all our heart. AND deep in our hearts we
knew he was to be our next father of
Our Nation. but now its over just for
one stupid fool. ALL I say is I
hope, Hope God Bless?

We're Glad it hasnt been a
Mexcian-American who has shoot our
Fathers of Our Nation. Because
we understand what it means. viyan
Los Kennedys we will never forget
them they're the only ones who
ave done for us.

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Viva Roberto Kennedy, Viva Juan F.
Kennedy. Viva Los Kennedy's.

Yo Como Mexicano - Americano
me Siento Stupido Ser de
America. Ya somos todos en
America Communistas.

We don't need to fight
Communist we got Communist in
U.S.

We I guess thats I all I
have to say. Punish thats what
murders deserved Burn them in
green wood.

thats ALL I have to
say.

Yours Truly
J Santos Rocha
Rt. 1, Box 166
Carlton, Oregon
Sitton Road.

P.S: I am From Texas But I am
working in Oregon.

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Dear Mr. [unclear]
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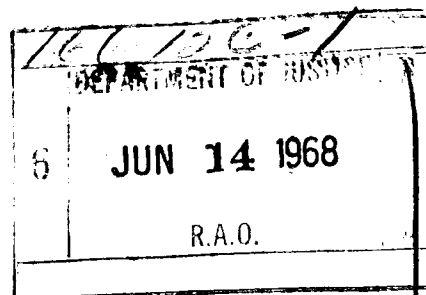
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dear mr. president,

I listened with respect & cautious attention to your television broadcast to the nation regarding the death of senator kennedy, you were so shocked & confused it was obvious you felt very lonely groping for an intelligent answer to ease your spirit, this foul act was not a conspiracy & THE sickened culprit who could'nt spell kennedy & did'NT point the pistol before squeezing the trigger proved there was no personal or moral reason for his act, he was a confused mentally ill exhibitionist suddenly turned homicidal for expressive purposes only, it could have been you,

twice in your discourse you mentioned 'respect for law', I beleive it was VOLTAIR who coined the phrase 'respect must be earned' in his biting letters to philip, most certainly our judiciary & attorneys have not earned it because their robes are soiled & their souls corrupt

one year ago I mailed to you a bound article I wrote (with letter attache entitled 'the corrupt, collusive, morally degraded U.S.A. IN which I too requested intervention aid by my government to obtain for me a jury hearing in the courts of chester county, pa. the courts of which prompted me to form my opinions, you helped by turning it over to a bureaucrat in the poverty program who acknowleged same but probably would not help his own mother, A repeat mailing six months ago to senator scott did not even earn me the courtesy of an anser,

just one kind word by telephono to the president judge gawthrop by phone would probably alert the court to rectify the grave injustice they have meted out & shock them into giving me a new jury hearing, I am no criminal or nut but mine is the reason the mind becomes obsessed to take the law into one's own hands, mental agony combined with loneliness & enforced vegetation prompts such thinking & it takes the strong discipline of a rational mind not to reach for a pistol,

I was disappointed to hear your selected committee consisted of just the hoipoli & not one of the rabble who could offer much, good health to you sir with the burdens you bear.

unpresumptuously & MOST respectfully

Frank G. Nagle
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420 s. walnut st.

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

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SOCIETY. THE TIME TO ACT IS LONG PAST DUE THE REPORT OF THE NATIONAL
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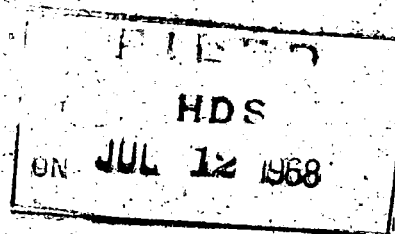
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1217 Briarwood Avenue
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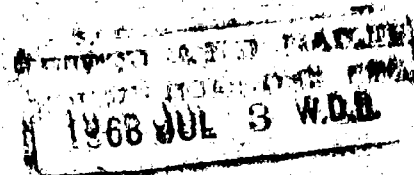
President Johnson has asked me to thank you
for your recent letter.

I am sure you can understand, however, that it
would be inappropriate for a Federal officer or agency to
comment on a criminal matter pending before a state court.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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TO:	NAME	DIVISION	BUILDING	ROOM
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1217 Briarwood Avenue
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Dear Mr. President,

I am writing this letter concerning the fatal shooting of Robert F. Kennedy. First of all, I am a 13 year old Junior High student of St. Augustine School. Robert Kennedy was one of our good leaders who stunned me when I heard of his death. My doubt is directed on his assassin, God permitted him to live after this crime.

And he is being treated in the best manner possible for a criminal. I am sure that if he had seen severe punishment done to the assassins of other leaders, he would not have attempted what he did. What I am saying is, more severe punishment should be given to people who commit these terrible, grave, crimes. If it is truly brought out that a person who murders another will be severely treated for his act, I am sure that they would think twice before it was committed.

What right has this Sirhan person have to come from a foreign country and kill one of our leaders because of something that was said? He was caught after the shooting with the gun which was used to kill Robert Kennedy. A notebook was found in his home stating the fact that he (Sirhan) must kill Senator Kennedy by June fifth. Isn't this enough proof? Why keep such full watch on him for so long without nothing being done? Certainly this man is going to think that what

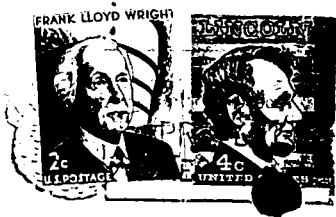
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Devoted in Bobby,

Maryann Spinusi

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1217 Briarwood Avenue
Columbus 11, Ohio 43211



President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D. C.

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Director
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To

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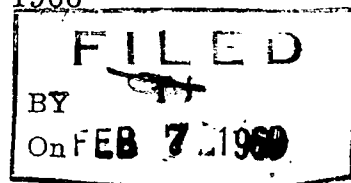
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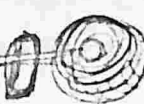
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eventually be felled by a blow of an
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a new car today I must plan to
drive home in a new new new Mustang
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tonight ^{no} meet me tonight

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tonight tonight
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Ambassador Goldberg Stone-

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Ambassador Goldberg must die

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forget to become any more of a
be ~~power~~ Senator R. Kennedy

Second group of American Sailors -

must must be disposed of -
We believe that Robert F. Kennedy must
be sacrificed for the cause of the
~~poor~~ poor exploited people

we believe that we ~~so~~ can effect
such action and produce such results -
the hand that is writing doing this
writing is going to do the slaying of
the above mentioned victim
One wonders what it feels like to do any
assassination that might do some
illegal work - ~~please pay to~~

I believe that I can effect the
death of Bert S. Allfillisch

Kennedy must die / Kennedy must fall
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fall - Kennedy must fall -

intentional - vs - extentional.

connotation vs - denotation -

implicit = Equality before and after the law

I advocate the overthrow of the current president of the fucken United States of America, I have no absolute plans yet - but soon will compose some

I am poor - This country's propaganda says that she is the best country in the world - I have not experienced this yet - the U.S. - says that life in Russia is bad - Why - ~~the~~ supposedly no average American has ever lived in a slavik society so how can he tell if it is good or bad - isn't his goat patting words in his mouth.

Anyway - I believe that the U.S. is ready ~~to start~~^{to} start declining, not that it hasn't - it began in Nov 23, 63 - but it should decline at a ~~fast~~ faster rate so that the real utopia will not ~~be~~ be too far from being realized during the early 70's in this country.

I firmly support the communist cause and its people - whether Russian, Chinese

we know what we are doing in
viet Nam - we're keeping the
economy going through our war spending.
We will keep busy here working
on pragmatic matters. To impress you -
all what we really want to do is
fuck you ~~as~~ up - get fat and then
quit.

Well, my solution to this type of
government that is to do away
with its leaders - and declare
anarchy the best form of govt - or no
govt.

~~I contend that what is most democratic
than to shoot a president~~

the President ^{elect} is your best friend until
he gets in power then he is your
~~most explosive fucker~~ suck every
drop of blood out of you - just it and
if he doesn't like you - you're dead.

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To

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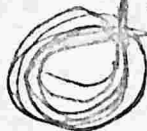
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the ~~power~~ of Senator R. Kennedy
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must must be disposed of
We believe that Robert F. Kennedy must
be sacrificed for the cause of the
~~poor~~ poor exploited people

we believe that we ~~as~~ can effect
such action and produce such results -
the hand that is writing doing this
writing is going to do the slaying of
the above mentioned victim
One wonders what it feels like to do any
assassination that might do some
illegal work - ~~please pay to~~

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death of Bert C. Allfillisch

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implicit = Equality before and after the law

I advocate the overthrow of the current president of the fucken United States of America, I have no absolute plans yet - but soon will compose some

I am poor - This country's propoganda says that she is the best country in the world - I have not experienced this yet - the U.S. - says that life in Russia is bad - Why - ~~the~~ supposedly no average american has ever lived in a slavie society so how can he tell if it is good or bad - isn't his goat patting words in his mouth.

Anyway - I believe that the U.S. is ready ~~to start~~ to start declining, not that it hasn't - it began in Nov 23, 63 - but it should decline at a ~~fast~~ faster rate so that the real utopia will not ~~be~~ be too far from being realized during the early 70's in this country.

I firmly support the communist cause and its people - whether Russian, Chinese

we know what we are doing in
viet Nam - we're keeping the
economy going through our war spending -
we will keep busy here working
on peacemish matters. To impress you -
all what we really want to do is
fuck you ~~as~~ up - get fat and then
quit.

Well, my solution to this type of
government that is to do away
with its leaders - and declare
anarchy the best form of govt - or no
govt.

~~I pretend that you are just a democrat
then to shoot for president~~

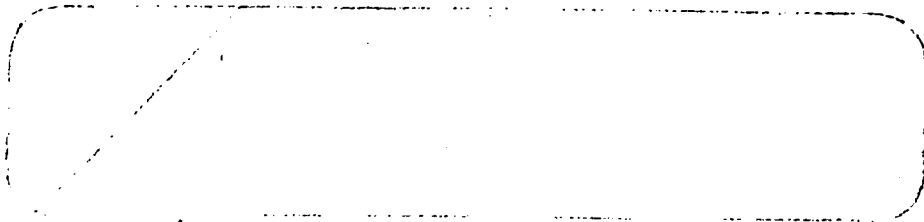
the President ^{is} your best friend until
he gets in power then he ~~is~~ your
~~most expensive fucker~~ suck every
~~one~~ drop of blood out of you - just it and
if he doesn't like you - you're dead.

U. S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE-DISTRICT DIRECTOR
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012

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RFK must be disposed of like his brother was



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Miss Beth Hochsprung
24W011 Mansching Road
Roselle, Illinois 60172

SEP 27 1968

Dear Miss Hochsprung:

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Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc: Records
Chrono
Gutierrez
Corres. Unit

By:
GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
Attorney
Western Section

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June 7, 1968

Dear President Johnson,

I live in Illinois and am 11 years old.
After hearing and reading about Senator Kennedy's death I
thought that ~~he~~ ^{the killer} got payed by someone. And since they found
it written in the diary he owned. It was just a thought.
And I have to remember that he still is not proven guilty.
Please give me a answer.

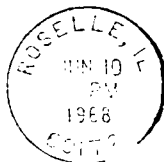
If you send me the answer around the end of the
month of June send it to..... 226 West Wilson Street
Lombard, Illinois. If you sent me the answer before the end
of the month send it to ~~me~~..... 24WOII Mensching Road
Roselle, Illinois. Thank you very much.

Signed,

[Redacted signature]

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JUN 21 1968
U.S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE

Neth Hochsprung
241011 Menschling Road
Roselle, Illinois 60472



President Johnson
White House
Washington D.C.

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Mrs. C. P. Morales
4025 North Gibson Road
El Monte, California 91731

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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BY	IJB
On	OCT 14 1968
By:	

GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
Attorney
Western Section

June 7, 1968

To the President of United States

President Johnson

In our loss of two great men Senator Robert Kennedy and President John F. Kennedy. Is there anyway they could torture Sir Han Sir Han into telling who is behind all of this. We all know it Communist so why can't someone torture him find out who is behind all of this and do something about it.

Now I know how the people in Dallas felt when President Kennedy was assassinated. We are supposed to be free. Have freedom of speech and religion but we are being brain wash instead —

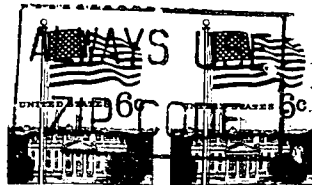
When do you hear about another country killing their political people: Russia, or Mexico or any other country — It is always in United States starting with President Lincoln.

So why can't something be done about it. Senator Robert Kennedy was a good man he had plans to help the Mexican Americans, Negroes and ~~Indians~~ Indians and the poor peoples. It is too bad that all the good men die.

Sincerely

Mrs. Concepcion P. Morales
4025 N. Green Rd. El Monte Calif

Mrs. C. P. Morales
4025 N Gibson Rd.
El Monte Calif
91731



President L. B. Johnson
% White House
Washington D.C.

in Mail

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OCT 14 1968

Miss Linda Boone
Route 7
Benton, Kentucky 42025

Dear Miss Boone:

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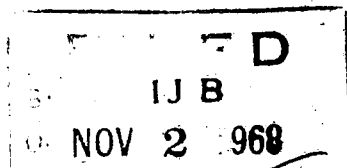
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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:

GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
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Western Section

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Route # 7

Benton, Kentucky 42025

June 6, 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
White House
Washington, D.C.



Dear Sir:

I really have no idea why I am writing you this letter. I have no hopes of it ever reaching you; but even if it reaches some high-ranking official, and if he takes a second glance at it, I shall be satisfied.

I know this letter comes at an inconvenient period of time, but I am writing concerning the assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. This man's family receives my utmost sympathy. I was looking forward to seeing him as our next president (after you decided not to run).

But for the time being I would like for you to attempt to answer a few questions that have plagued me since September of 1967.

I had just finished reading the reports of President Kennedy's assassination and it left me thinking of my addition (adding $2+2$ and coming up with something besides 4).

My questions: Do you have any idea who killed President Kennedy and Senator Kennedy? If you do, was it a well-known organization known as the GSA? Was it because they feared the Kennedys would share a dictator's throne with a wealthy family in England? If Edward Kennedy decided to run, would he too be assassinated?

I am very patriotic and to tell you the truth very worried.

The Americans have the greatest

nation to live for on earth, and
what are we doing about it.

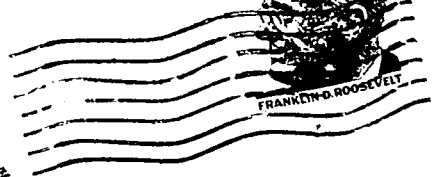
They're letting it go to "pot" (Figuratively
speaking).

They're all killing ourselves little
by little and I was wondering
how much longer God is going
to stand for it.

My deepest sympathy is
for the Kennedy family, but
more so for our country which,
in my eyes, can't stoop
any lower than it is now.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Boone
Age 17

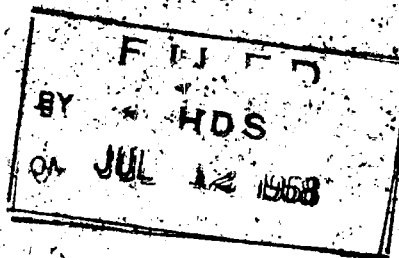
P.S. I apologize for the stationery,
the handwriting, and the
pencil.



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T. June 28, 1968
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July 3, 1968



Mr. John Roberts
416 E. Columbia Street
Falls Church, Virginia

Dear Mr. Roberts:

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President Johnson has asked me to thank you for
your recent letter and to assure you that your suggestion has
been noted.

Sincerely,

FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

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cc: Records ✓
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1968 JUL 3 W.D.B.

To: The President of The United States of America,

or parties of communication: -

Sir,

I wish understanding more than
revenge for the brutal killing of
Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

We have a chance to find out the
why of this killing. If it was an
individual "act", then may I suggest
your new committee start with
the man responsible for the killing.

The longer you wait the less you shall
find from the man.

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CRIMINAL DIVISION

Thankyou,

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John Alexander Roberts:

Falls Church, Va.

AFTER 5 DAYS RETURN TO

John Alexander Roberts

410 E. Columbia Street

Falls Church, Virginia 22046

ZIP CODE



The Office of The President
1600 Pennsylvania Ave.
Washington, D.C. 20000

TO: Steve Pollak

FROM: Bob Owen

Al Rosen called me and raised certain problems that he saw, and wanted opinions before they moved. The principal issue is what the Bureau should do about interviewing the subject Sirhan Sirhan. The FBI is very clear that they do not want to be in a position where they have not at least attempted to interview the subject and, of course, would like substantively to interview him.

Rosen advised that the police have advised the Bureau they have not picked up any information from the subject and that the prosecuting attorney has directed the police to attempt no further interviews.

Rosen believes that the Bureau has no problem, both with respect to the police and to the county attorney of reaching the subject for interview. He indicates that they can arrange it without difficulty.

The questions he raises and would like some answers to are as follows:

1. If he has a lawyer, ACLU lawyer Wirin, and the issue is ambiguous, then they have no problem--the plan would simply be they contact the attorney to ask permission to interview the subject and the details would be guided by the attorney's decision, namely whether the interview would be recorded and other details of how they set up the interview; whether the interview would be with or without the attorney.

2. It is also quite possible that the subject has no attorney. They are really asking advice on what to do in this event. Their concern is the Massiah case. While they do not plan any tricks, their concern is really one of the stage of the proceeding. They are inclined to believe that at this juncture they should not interview the man at all unless he is represented ~~by~~ (whether or not the attorney wants to be present). If he is not represented, Nat's view of Massiah and the succeeding cases are that basically at any stage of the proceeding, that if the man is advised of his right to have a lawyer and an assigned lawyer and still maintains that he does not want a lawyer then they can proceed to ask him if he would talk to them without a lawyer and if he signs the waiver consenting to do so they

June 6, 1968

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can proceed to interview him.

Al Rosen had some concern ~~that~~ if the guy does give the statement because he believes that the statement may be self-serving. This does not trouble me one way or another. Rosen's concern I think is that the subject might be building his case to the law enforcement people of his incapacity to stand trial.

I think the ticklish problem presented for the Bureau is how they satisfy themselves as to whether or not he is represented now. In the usual case they simply ask the subject and I am inclined to believe that that is what they should do here. The other alternative would be to call the ACLU and determine whether or not they have gotten a lawyer as yet, though I think that is inviting press coverage of the attempted contact of the FBI of the subject.

I am going to the Hogate Restaurant (638-8066) for dinner and I will call you from there. Rosen said we could get back to him tomorrow on this, but if needed we can deal with him tonight.

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Mrs. T. Giamancheri
Third Street
Budd Lake, New Jersey 07828

SEP 27 1968

Dear Mrs. Giamancheri:

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Sincerely,

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Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

By:
GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
Attorney

F Western Section
BY IJB
SEP 1 1968

cc: Records
Chrono.
Gutierrez
Corres. Unit

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9/9/68

June 6/68

President Johnson.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr President

Enclno a clipping I
think you should know about,
It is high time, America
woke up & gave some drastic
attention to give to these sick
Crack Pots.

Thank you,

Mrs. Helen Mianovich
3rd St. Budd Lake N.J.

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RFK name listed in plot-to-kill trial

NEW YORK (UPI) — Sen. Robert F. Kennedy's name was injected yesterday in the Queens conspiracy-to-murder trial as being on a list of "people who should be assassinated."

The quote was attributed to Herman Ferguson, a defendant in the trial, by Detective Edward Howlette, a police undercover agent.

Howlette testified Tuesday that President Johnson also was being considered as a possible assassination target by the alleged conspirators.

The Negro detective testified that on May 18, 1967, he, Ferguson and Arthur Harris, the other defendant, discussed a "list of selective terrorism."

Despite defense objections, Howlette was allowed to enter names on that list: "Roy Wilkins, Whitney Young, Robert Kennedy, Larry Elliot and Larry Neal."

There was no other identification of the last two persons named.

Defense lawyer Mrs. Gean Ann Condon jumped to her feet and moved for a mistrial on grounds the testimony was highly prejudicial and outside the issues.

Justice Paul Balsam denied the motion.

Mrs. Condon persisted, saying: "On this day when the latest radio reports indicate Senator Kennedy is very close to death every American is filled with emotion and this testimony is so prejudicial . . ."

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Balsam interrupted and said that he was sure that the jurors are "not filled with such emotion as not to be able to render a fair verdict on the basis of the

Ferguson and Harris are charged with conspiracy to commit murder in the first degree. They are charged

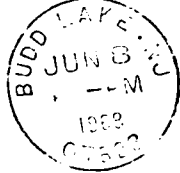
with plotting the murders of moderate civil rights leaders Roy Wilkins of the NAACP and Whitney Young of the Urban League.

In his testimony Tuesday, Howlette said that Ferguson once told him "after Roy Wilkins is killed we might decide to get our President, Lyndon Johnson."

Howlette ended his testimony yesterday shortly before 3 p.m. The trial was adjourned until today when the detective will undergo cross-examination by the defense.

Mrs

T GIAMANCHERI
3RD ST
BUDD LAKE, N.J.
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President Lyndon B. Johnson
Washington
D.C.,

White House

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CIV. RIGHTS DIV.	

TO: CG, USAINTC, FT HOLABIRD, MD, FOR ICOP-IV

INFO: CG, SIXTH US ARMY, PSFC, FOR DCSINT

CMDR, SACTO FO FOR PASS TO AG CANG, ATTN: 19 MAY 1968

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SUBJECT: SPOT REPORT

6 JUNE 1968

1. LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE, REGION II, 115TH MI GROUP

2. 115-8158-025

3. WILLIAM FREDERICK CROSSON

4. 115-8158-024

5. 6 JUNE 1968, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

6. WILLIAM FREDERICK CROSSON

7. THE INDIVIDUAL ARRESTED BY THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR THREATENING THE LIVES OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY HAD A DRIVER'S LICENSE IN HIS POSSESSION WHICH INDICATED THAT HIS NAME WAS WILLIAM FREDERICK CROSSON. HE TOLD THE POLICE THAT HIS NAME WAS HARRY WILLIAMS. CROSSON WAS ARRESTED BY THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT (LAPD) AT A BAR ON CENTURY BOULEVARD NEAR THE AIRPORT--NOT AT THE AIRPORT, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. HE HAD BEEN MAKING ORAL THREATS AGAINST THE FBI, THE SECRET SERVICE, AND THE KENNEDY FAMILY AT THE AIRPORT AND AT THE BAR IN WHICH HE WAS ARRESTED. HE WAS UNARMED AT THE TIME OF HIS ARREST. A HYPODERMIC NEEDLE WAS IN HIS POSSESSION AT THE TIME OF ARREST. HE IS PRESENTLY BEING HELD IN CUSTODY BY THE LAPD FOR THE FBI. HE HAS NOT BEEN BOOKED BY LAPD AS YET. CROSSON ALSO HAD AN EIGHT PAGE TELEGRAM IN HIS POSSESSION WHICH HAD BEEN SENT TO "MR. WASHINGTON," SENTINAL NEWS, 1112 EAST 43RD STREET, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA. CROSSON IS IDENTIFIED AS A MALE CAUCASIAN, DOB: 9 MAY 1922, 5'8", 220 POUNDS. NO FURTHER INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME.

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9. 061430 PDT JUNE 1968 VIA AUTOVON

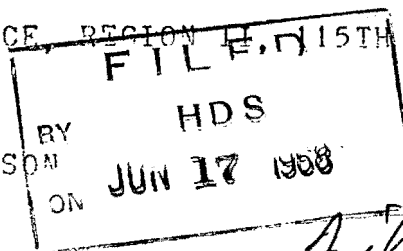
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11. LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT

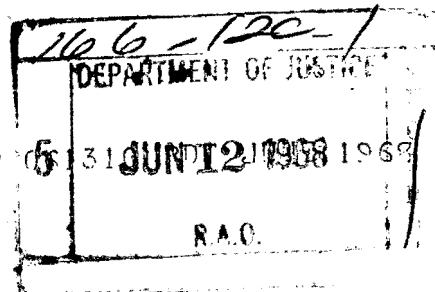
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13. 061255 PDT JUNE 1968 (CRAIG)

14. THE PRESIDENTIAL PLANE CARRYING SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY'S BODY BACK TO NEW YORK CITY DEPARTED LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 1326 HOURS PDT. THE FLIGHT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 5 HOURS AND TEN MINUTES. THE EXPECTED TIME OF ARRIVAL IN NEW YORK CITY IS 2136 HOURS EDT. THERE WERE NO INCIDENTS AT THE AIRPORT. APPROXIMATELY 750 PERSONS WERE QUIETLY ASSEMBLED THERE PRIOR TO DEPARTURE. THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT DISBANDED ITS TACTICAL ALERT CENTER AT THE LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AT 1345 HOURS PDT. AT APPROXIMATELY 1300 HOURS PDT, THE TACTICAL ALERT CENTER ESTABLISHED AT THE GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL WAS DISBANDED.



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CO, 115TH MI GROUP, PSEC

TO: CG, USAINTC, FT HOLABIRD, MD, FOR ICOP-IV

INFO: CG, SIXTH US ARMY, PSEC, FOR DCSINT

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CMDR, SACTO FO FOR PASS TO AG CANG, ATTN: MAJ MARIANO

SUBJECT: SPOT REPORT

6 JUNE 1968

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1. LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE, REGION II, 115TH MI GROUP (CI)

2. 115-8158-024

3. SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN

4. 115-8157-023

5. 6 JUNE 1968, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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7. A. THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT HAS ISSUED AN ALL POINTS BULLETIN FOR A FEMALE CAUCASIAN, AGE 23-27, HEIGHT 5'6", WHO WAS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN ACCOMPANYING SIRHAN BISHARA SIRHAN PRIOR TO THE ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY.

B. THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT ARRESTED AN, AS YET, UNIDENTIFIED MALE SUSPECT APPROXIMATELY 100 YARDS FROM THE PRESIDENTIAL PLANE AT LOS ANGELES INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT. THE SUSPECT STATED THAT IT WAS HIS INTENTION TO KILL THE REMAINDER OF THE KENNEDY FAMILY. IT WAS NOT KNOWN BY THE AGENT ON THE SCENE IF THE SUSPECT WAS ARMED. THE AGENT ON THE SCENE DID NOT SEE THE ARREST PERSONALLY. THE SUSPECT WAS TAKEN TO A POLICE SUB-STATION AT THE AIRPORT, AND HE IS PRESENTLY BEING INTERROGATED BY THE INTELLIGENCE DIVISION OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE ARREST WAS MADE AT APPROXIMATELY 1100 HOURS PDT, 6 JUNE 1968.

8. UNKNOWN

9. 051250 PDT JUNE 1968 VIA AUTOVON

10. REPORTED TO HEADQUARTERS, 115TH MI GROUP 061125 PDT JUNE 1968

11. A. LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
B. CASUAL

12. A. B-2
B. B-3

13. A. 061115 PDT JUNE 1968 (LEEDS)
B. 061120 PDT JUNE 1968 (CRAIG)

14. FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE FORWARDED UPON RECEIPT.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
To

June 6, 1968

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- ☐ The Solicitor General
- ☒ Deputy Attorney General
- ☐ Assistant Attorney General
- ☐ Director, Bureau of Prisons
- ☐ The Pardon Attorney
- ☐ Chairman, Parole Board
- ☐ Assistant Attorney General for Administration
- ☐ Immigration and Naturalization Service
- ☐ Bureau of Narcotics and Dangerous Drugs
- ☐ Office of Alien Property
- ☐ Chief - Accounts Branch
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Deputy Attorney General

Att.: ☐ Antitrust Div. ☐ Civil Div. ☐ Civil Rights Div.
☐ Criminal Div. ☐ Internal Security Div.
☐ Inter-Division Information Unit

- ☐ A. No further action will be taken in this case in the absence of a specific request from you.
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John Edgar Hoover
Director

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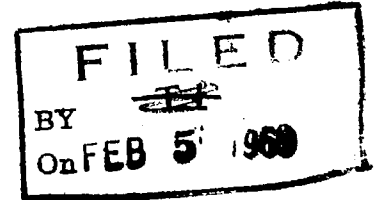
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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20535

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June 6, 1968

ASSASSINATION OF
SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

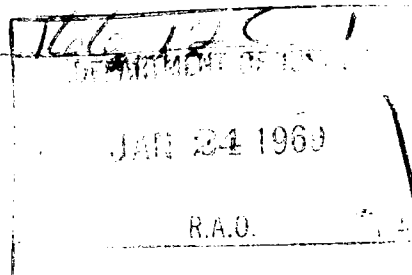


This is to advise that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, a Jordanian national, has been identified as the individual who shot Senator Robert F. Kennedy at 12:15 a. m., Pacific Daylight Time, June 5, 1968, in the ballroom of the Ambassador Hotel at Los Angeles, California. The Senator subsequently died at 1:44 a. m., Pacific Daylight Time, June 6, 1968, at the Good Samaritan Hospital, Los Angeles.

After the assailant was taken into custody by authorities, he refused to identify himself or otherwise discuss this matter. He was shortly thereafter charged by the Los Angeles Police Department with intent to commit murder and held on \$250,000 bond.

His brother, Adel Sirhan, notified authorities as to Sirhan's true identity. The FBI subsequently identified Sirhan's fingerprints as being identical with those of an individual by the same name which were submitted by the California State Horse Racing Board during 1965.

According to the Los Angeles Police Department, the weapon used in the assassination was an eight-shot .22 caliber Iver Johnson pistol. All eight shots were expended. Records of the California Department of Justice show this pistol to have been sold on August 10, 1965, to one Albert Leslie Hertz of Alhambra, California. It was subsequently traced by police authorities through several parties to one of Sirhan's brothers, Munir Sirhan.



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Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, according to records of the Immigration and Naturalization Service, Los Angeles, California, was born on [redacted] in Jerusalem, Palestine. His current address was given as 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. Immigration and Naturalization Service records show he entered this country on January 12, 1957, with his father, Bishara Salameh Ghattas Sirhan, his mother, Mary, four brothers and a sister who is now deceased. His brothers, Adel, Munir, and Saidallah, are currently shown as residing with their mother and Sirhan at 696 East Howard Street, Pasadena, California. The fourth brother, Sharif, is a resident of Highland Park, California. His father allegedly resides now in Jordan.

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Our Los Angeles Office reports that Sirhan Bishara Sirhan graduated from high school in Pasadena, California. He thereafter attended Pasadena City College, a junior college, for approximately two years, but did not graduate. He formerly worked as a race horse exercise boy and during September, 1966, sustained a head injury after falling from a horse. Interviews with his family indicate his behavior has changed considerably since this injury. Records of the State of California reveal he was awarded a settlement on March 27, 1968, in the sum of \$2,000. His brother, Adel, advised the assailant has been unemployed for the past three months. When taken into custody he had \$409 in cash on his person.

During a search of his room in the Pasadena family home numerous items, including notations advocating the overthrow of the President of the United States and statements alluding to the necessity for assassinating Robert F. Kennedy, were found. According to United States Attorney William Matthew Byrne, Jr., Central District of California, who had been in contact with the office of the Los Angeles County District Attorney, this material should not be disclosed publicly prior to the trial nor should it be made available to unauthorized persons since it could have a serious adverse effect upon successful prosecution in either Federal or State court. One handwritten page bearing the date May 18, 1968, 9:45 a. m., contains numerous notations among which are "My determination to eliminate RFK is becoming more the more of an unshakeable obsession." "RFK must die - RFK must be killed. Robert F. Kennedy must be assassinated." Another page contains the handwritten statement that "The so-called President of the United States

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of America will be advised of their punishments for their treasonable crimes against the state. More over we believe that the glorious United States of America will eventually be felled by a blow of an assassin's bullet. "

A third page contains the following statement. "Ambassador Goldberg must die die die. " Repeated numerous times on this same page appears "Goldberg will be illiminated. "

Page four contains the statement "Kennedy must die - Kennedy must fall," which is repeated numerous times.

Page five contains the statement that "RFK must be disposed of like his brother was. "

The statement "I advocate the overthrow of the current President of the (obscene) United States of America. I have no absolute plans yet - but soon will compose some" appears on page six.

Page seven contains the statement "Well, my solution to this type of Govt. today is to do away with its leaders and declare anarchy, the best form of Govt. or no Govt. "

On page eight appears the statement "I believe that I can effect the death of Bert C. Altfillisch, " who was the employer of Sirhan at the time he was thrown from a horse during September, 1966.

Also appearing was the notation "Robert F. Kennedy must be assassinated before 5 June 68. "

In addition, a source who has furnished reliable information in the past and who is an active member of the Communist Party in California advised that he received information from an associate of Sirhan's to the effect he was extremely anti-Semitic in his views, was in favor of the Vietcong and supported some Communist Party ideals. Sirhan, according to this source, had been thoroughly briefed on Communist Party activities at the University of California at Los Angeles within the last two weeks. Although it was reported to this source that an attempt had been made to recruit Sirhan into the Communist Party, Sirhan allegedly has not engaged in any Communist Party activities.

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Investigation by the FBI is continuing in order to determine the full facts surrounding this situation and in order to ascertain if Sirhan acted alone.



June 6-1968
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Dear Mr. Johnson
& staff.

JUN 21 1968

Here I am again on this sad
day for us all. God willing Mr.
Kennedy will recover. We all feel
this is a tragic thing. No person
big or little in the public eye
should be in fear & danger in
the great U.S.A. I ~~feel~~ watched
the T.V. this day & many friends
have also. I believe you are looking
for answers to cure all ~~the~~ ~~problems~~
problems we have in the U.S.A.

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Perhaps you can't get to talk to
the every day Joe on the streets
Nice people some poor - middle - rich
all races & creeds. Of people we
know. The most clear is not to
be wish - wash as we have become
in the past 10 yrs. If one commits
a crime - punishment. & thru this
a new respect for police. We
are children really & respect law
& order. The young groups do not
have this & they learn by seeing
bonds - get off free - 30 days for
major crimes - That would warrant
say 1-yr - to 3 yrs in jail - When
we see this again. We will

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see lower crime + new
respect in the eyes. It's not the
police - (He's doing a good job) It's
the judges or courts. Can't you see
this. People get off on the smallest
of paper (technically?) As for the
poor. Sure help them, not in
money, but food - clothes - schools.
I see few negro's with nice manners
& education. Let 'em - We can't all
have every thing or jobs we wish.
That's life. Show the poor how to
live - help him earn & thru this
pride in self & family. We all

admire & workers no matter poor or
rich - Everyone takes pride in help-
ing this man as he is helping
himself. These people are using
you as an excuse for there own
shortcomings & you are giving in,
if only to maintain order & this
is making it worse. If I create
a scene will you give me what
I want like a baby? I wonder -
We are just average income people
who work hard, raise kids - Go
out for dinner on Sat nite &
vacation once a year. I hope
at least a few of the letters
I write reach you.

Best Wishes,
Deanna



JUN 7 1968
Mr. Lyndon Johnson
President U. S. A.
Washington, D.C.

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Mr. Mark Flomenhoft
4522 Old York Road
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19140

Dear Mr. Flomenhoft:

SEP 27 1968

This is in reply to your correspondence dated June 6, 1968, concerning the possibility of a conspiracy in the assassination of Senator Kennedy. We apologize for our delay in responding.

Immediately following the tragic death of the late Senator, the Attorney General on June 5, 1968 made the following remarks:

Every angle of this matter will be fully investigated. No resource will be spared. According to the information I have at this moment, we have no evidence of a conspiracy; only the evidence of this individual act. But every lead will be followed. No stone will be left unturned.

The rules with respect to pre-trial publicity preclude further comment, but you may be sure that all investigative aspects have been and are being fully pursued.

Sincerely,

STEPHEN J. POLLAK
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

cc: Records
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By: GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
Attorney
Western Section

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June 6, 1968

The Honorable Ramsey Clark
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It is my earnest belief that the security of our country is directly involved in the assassination of Senator Robert Kennedy, and that these security interests require a thorough interrogation of the suspect, Sirhan Bishara Sirhan, by you and your staff.

I base my contention on the following considerations. First, Sirhan is quoted as shouting at the time of the shooting, "I did it for my country." Since he has never become a citizen of the United States, his loyalty is obviously directed elsewhere. Second, four hundred dollars were found in his possession at the time of capture, a sum that strongly suggests that he had been subsidized. Third, a woman was seen in his company prior to the shooting, and afterward she is said to have boasted of the crime. Fourth, Fatah (guerrilla) units have sprung up in great numbers throughout Jordan, and their raids into Israel have multiplied. Since these activities have been amply financed by the oil producing states, the possibility of an international Arab conspiracy cannot be dismissed out of hand.

Holding the key to this mystery is the prisoner Sirhan. Certainly he must not be allowed to carry such crucial secrets to his grave as Oswald did. Certainly the United States, which has already lost so much at his hands, dare not risk losing more of its valued leaders through the failure of extracting from Sirhan all he knows.

In view of his intransigence, I believe that hypnotic drugs such as sodium pentothal should be administered to facilitate the eliciting of information. If this information is withheld from the courts, but used instead as a means for apprehending collaborators if they exist, the prosecution against him should not be hampered or prejudiced in any way.

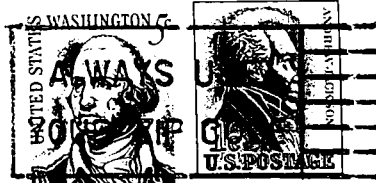
Other lives may well depend upon how competently the security aspect of this case is conducted. Do you not agree that such a critical matter requires your personal attention?

Sincerely yours,

Mark Flomenhoft
Mark Flomenhoft

4522 York Road, Phila., Pa.

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The Honorable Ramsey Clark
Attorney General of the United States
Washington, D. C.

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June 6, 1968

To The Honorable Lyndon Johnson,
West Illinois,

To My Dear Mr President,

I would like to express my
opinion, and that of many
of my friends & neighbors, and
many more American Citizens, I'm
sure. Already they are preparing
a defense for this man, who
shot Mr Kennedy.

Mr Kennedy didn't have a
chance, and, yet, they spend
money, on, and worry about this
man, having a fair trial.

We feel that he should
be brought to a speedy trial.

A just verdict brought in,
and, Carried out, just as speedily.
We feel that this type of thing
Cannot continue in our Country, and
feel, that, a speedy conviction, would
deter, such crimes in the future.

Thank you for listening.
Very respectfully yours,

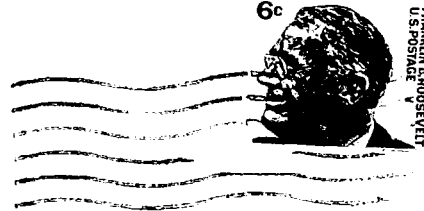
and very Sincerely

Wm James C Meland
7240 West 107th St
North Illinois

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Mr & Mrs James C Meland
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Washington D.C.

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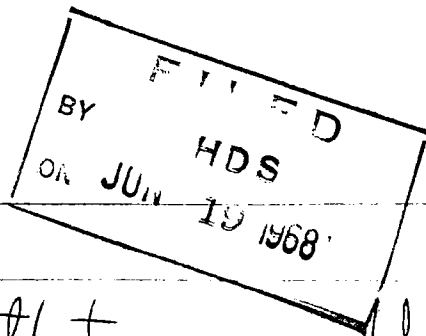
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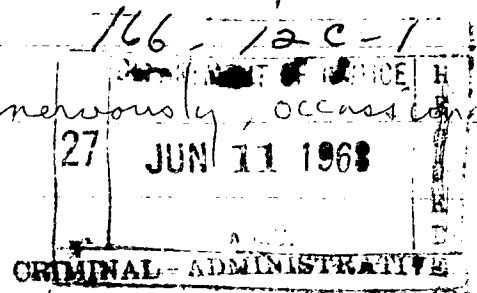
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Dear Sir

You stated that you would steadfastly pursue every possible angle of Kennedy's shooting. This encourages me to report an observation that undoubtedly others have made.

NBC news videotaped Kennedy's victory speech and frequently included ~~in the~~ the background Jesse Unruth's face. By the fourth replaying of this tape certain things had become apparent to me.

- 1) Unruth's forehead was perspiring. No one else indicated they felt any heat.
- 2) Unruth was crying or going through the motions. His eyes blinked rapidly, he sniffled, scrunched up the bridge of his nose, and rubbed his eyes. ~~This occurred~~ ~~continuously~~ This occurred continuously throughout the speech, to an impressive extent.
- 3) His left hand fluttered nervously, occasionally tugging at his collar.
- 4) Once, triggered by a phrase in Kennedy's speech he lifted his eyes from the floor.



and began applauding, hoping it would catch on, but no one echoed this applause. ~~It~~ It would seem that he was not ~~at~~ at all conscious of the crowd's mood but deeply preoccupied.

5. A short time before Kennedy finished his speech, Unruth's chin trembled and he bit his lower lip.

I beg you to review this videotape and decide for yourself whether his emotions are out of place, whether they belong to a man who has planned Kennedy's victory and his assassination.

IF Unruth is part of a conspiracy I hope you will proceed very carefully or a deadly lizard may leave you with its tail.

Sincerely Yours
Ralph Lyh Smith
~~12-12-62~~

P.S. please do ~~everything~~ everything you can, I idolize Robert Kennedy.

Ralph Lyle Smith
1808 Barber St
McLean, Va.



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 CG, SIXTH US ARMY, FOR DCSINT
 CMDR, SACTO FO, FOR PASS TO AG CNG, ATTN: MAJ MARCH

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SUBJECT: SPOT REPORT

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1. LOS ANGELES FIELD OFFICE, REGION II, 115TH MI GP (CI)
2. 115-8157-014
3. SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY
4. 115-8157-013
5. 5 JUNE 1968, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
6. BLACK MUSLIMS
7. LOS ANGELES POLICE REPORT THAT THE SITUATION IS QUIET IN FRONT OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA AS OF 0420 HRS PDT, 5 JUN 68. THE LAPD HAS SET UP A FIELD EOC AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL, 3400 WILSHIRE BLVD, LOS ANGELES. LAPD HAS REPORTS THAT APPROXIMATELY 200 PERSONS, MOSTLY NEGRO, ARE GATHERED AT THE CORNER OF WILSHIRE AND LUCAS STREET, LOS ANGELES. THERE IS A POSSIBILITY THAT BLACK MUSLIMS ARE PRESENT. FORTY POLICE ARE ON THE SCENE, AND THE SITUATION IS QUIET AT THE PRESENT.
8. UNKNOWN
9. 050445 PDT JUN 68, WARDLAW/NETKA; 050450 PDT JUN 68, VIA AUTOVON
10. REPORTED TO HQS, 115TH MI GP (CI), 050430 PDT JUN 68, HYMEN/WARDLAW
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2. 115-8157-016
3. SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY
4. CONTINUING REPORTS
5. 050630 PDT JUN 68, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
6. LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT
7. AT 0630 HRS PDT, 5 JUN 68, THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT WENT ON TACTICAL ALERT.
8. UNKNOWN
9. 050650 PDT JUN 68, WARDLAW/NETKA; 050650 PDT JUN 68, VIA AUTOVON
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3. SHOOTING OF SENATOR KENNEDY
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5. 5 JUNE 1968, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA
6. BLACK PANTHER PARTY
7. THE GROUP IN FRONT OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN HOSPITAL, LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA HAS DECREASED TO APPROXIMATELY 40 TO 50 PERSONS. LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPT COMMAND POST AT THE AMBASSADOR HOTEL HAS IDENTIFIED 4 OF THE CROWD AS BLACK PANTHERS.
THE SUSPECT IN THE SHOOTING STILL REFUSES TO GIVE ANY INFORMATION TO THE POLICE.
8. UNKNOWN
9. 050635 PDT JUN 68, WARDLAW/NETKA; 050640 PDT JUN 68, VIA AUTOVON
10. REPORTED TO HQS, 115TH MI GP (CI), 050615 PDT JUN 68, HYMEN/WARDLAW
11. CASUAL SOURCE (LOS ANGELES FO)
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13. 050605 PDT JUN 68 (HOWARD)
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HONORABLE RAMSEY CLARK

ATTORNEY GENERAL DEPT OF JUSTICE

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PLEASE DO NOT TRY TO TELL THE AMERICAN PUBLIC THERE IS NO
EVIDENCE OF CONSPIRACY IN THE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF ROBERT
KENNEDY WHEN YOU HAVEN'T EVEN HAD TIME TO INVESTIGATE. YOU
SHOULD ASSUME THERE IS A CONSPIRACY IN ALL OF THESE ASSASSINATIONS
UNTIL PROVEN OTHERWISE. THE GREAT AND NUMEROUS MIDDLE CLASS
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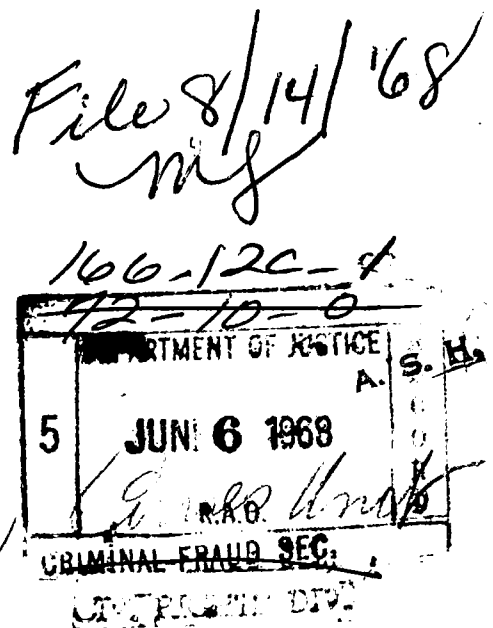
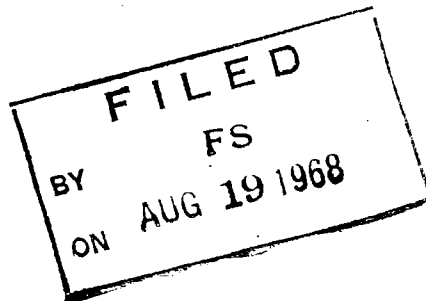
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Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General
Criminal Division

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Attempted Assassination of Senator Robert F. Kennedy

Information was received by the Criminal Division this morning from Parish Judge William Mark Daniels of Baton Rouge, Louisiana that yesterday afternoon an individual named Don George of Lafayette, Louisiana contacted one Carlton Greenlee, news director of Channel 9 in Baton Rouge, and asked for the video tape of a television interview of Judge Daniels which appeared on Channel 9 about two months ago. According to Judge Daniels, that interview dealt extensively with the allegations made by Edward Gady Partin in 1962 about a plot by John N. Hoffa to kill then Attorney General Robert F. Kennedy.

The foregoing is forwarded for your information in connection with the captioned matter. During the past several weeks Michael F. Epstein of my staff has received considerable background information concerning Don George. Please contact him directly if such information is desired.

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Mr. Epstein

Mr. Vinson

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June 13, 1968

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Mrs. Ruth Bell
707 West 5th
Spokane, Washington 99204

R. R. S.

Dear Mrs. Bell:

The Attorney General has asked me to thank you for your letter concerning his statements on the assassinations of Senator Kennedy and Dr. King.

Let me assure you that Mr. Clark has not made the statements which you attribute to him. He has never ruled out a conspiracy in either case but has pointed out on several occasions there was no evidence of conspiracy. This is still true. He did not announce "an imminent capture" of the killer of Dr. King, but expressed his hope and confidence that the killer would be apprehended.

Sincerely,

Cliff Sessions
Director of Public Information

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707 West 5th
Spokane, Washington 99204
June 5, 1968

Ramsey Clark,
U. S. Attorney General
Attorney Generals Office
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I was deeply shocked and upset this morning by your statements made after the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy. I realize you are under tremendous pressures in fulfilling your duties as Attorney General but you do the country and the people a grave injustice when you make unsubstantiated statements during a crisis. You probably wish to reassure the people, but all you do is make them fearful and doubtful of you.

I refer to your statements following the assassination of Rev. King and again following the shooting of Senator Robert Kennedy. In both instances, before you could possibly have had time to make any kind of investigation, you went on the air to announce "There was no organized conspiracy". In the case of Dr. King, you went further and announced an imminent capture of the killer, when you must have been aware this was poppycock.

You insult the intelligence of the people and create doubt with these irresponsible utterings. I would strongly urge, for the future, that no public statement be made until you can tell us the truth.

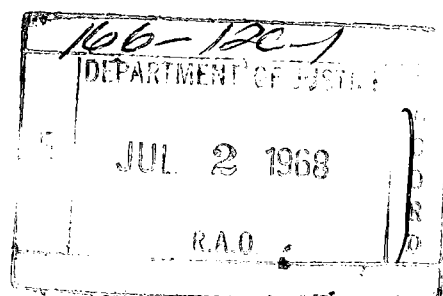
The people of our country are confused enough without adding to the turmoil - what we want now is TRUTH, not blandishments. And you can not tell the truth without the facts. And you cannot make up facts - you have to establish them upon investigation.

Yours very truly,

Ruth Bell

Ruth Bell

RB:mn



Mrs. Ruth Bell
707 West 5th
Spokane, Washington 99204

VIA AIR MAIL

Ramsey Clark,
U. S. Attorney General
Attorney Generals Office
Washington, D. C.

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation
To

JUN 6 1968

- ☐ The Solicitor General
☐ Deputy Attorney General
☐ Assistant Attorney General
☐ Director, Bureau of Prisons
☐ The Pardon Attorney
☐ Chairman, Parole Board
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☐ Chief - Accounts Branch
☐ Chief - Administrative Services Office
☐ Chief of Personnel
☐ General Litigation Section, Civil Division
☒ Records Administration Office

Att.: ☐ Antitrust Div. ☐ Civil Div. ☒ Civil Rights Div.
☐ Criminal Div. ☐ Internal Security Div.
☐ Inter-Division Information Unit

- ☐ A. No further action will be taken in this case in the absence of a specific request from you.
- ☐ B. Please advise what further investigation, if any, is desired in this matter.
- ☐ C. For your information, I am enclosing a communication regarding the holder of a diplomatic or international organization visa.
- ☒ D. For your information.
- ☐ E. Please note change in caption of this case.

John Edgar Hoover
Director

cc: ☐ Attorney General ☐ Deputy Attorney General
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

***In Reply, Please Refer to
File No.***

June 5, 1968
Washington, D.C.

ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATION OF SENATOR ROBERT F. KENNEDY

Another Government agency which conducts criminal type investigations advised on June 5, 1968, that one Charles Mayhew Davis (phonetic), had called the office of Senator Robert F. Kennedy early on the morning of June 5, 1968.

This individual stated that Senator Kennedy had helped him and other convicts get out of jail and that he, Davis, and other convicts were going to get guns "so sit tight."

The current edition of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company Directory for the District of Columbia, discloses no listing identifiable with Charles Rayhold Davis.

INTERNATIONAL SECURITY DIV.

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Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

June 5, 1968

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Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

Unknown Subject or Subjects
Senator Robert F. Kennedy, victim
INTERFERENCE WITH VOTING RIGHTS

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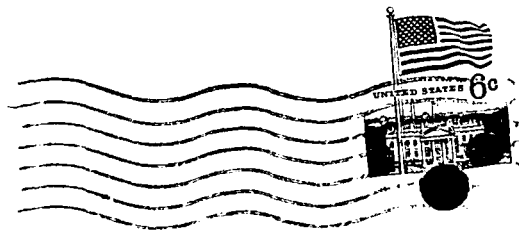
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Retsof, New York



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President of the United States
White House
Washington D. C.

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CRIMINAL GEN. CRIME SEC.	

Dear Mr. President,

Our class had a discussion on the shooting of Senator Robert F. Kennedy. We also discussed the downfall of our country. We agreed that if these shootings continue no one will want to run for president. Without a president another country could easily take over the United States. We should ~~try to~~ prevent these shootings instead of putting a lot of protection around the important men and women of our country because we shouldn't have to do this. Our class thought of one way to help prevent these shootings which is to make it harder on the murderers and assassins so people would not be so tempted to do such things. Please answer this letter

as soon as possible.

Sincerely,
Fifth Grade at York
Central School

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June 5, 1968

Dear Mr. Johnson,

Today June 5, 1968 Senator
Robert F. Kennedy was shot.

Everyday a person is shot, killed or
knifed. Do they catch the criminals,
sometimes they do (any) and sentence
them to a few months, a few years or
life. With the ones they don't catch
they'll (referring to police and FBI) search
for a while and sometimes the criminal
is looking them dead in the face and
they don't see him.

The alleged suspect, they think shot
RFK, to me is guilty all the way.
There is no way in the world they can't
say he didn't put the bullet in
Kennedy's head. Maybe it's all
a conspiracy. With the leaders
who are trying to help the country
being shot, there will be no more

166-1204

America. What is the world coming to?

Mr. Johnson what has been done about John F. Kennedy's assassination? Is it a conspiracy? They still don't know.

What has been done about Martin Luther King's assassination. They have his name (they think!) but can't they move faster in finding him?

This nation is protecting criminals. The laws against criminals are twisted and should be renewed.

Criminals are running around the country and endangering it. Something has to be done. Mr. Johnson will you or can you something?

I think you can. You are not doing nothing to help the country against criminals. Just read

this letter, think about it and
move, move, move, don't stand still.
You can do it. I am a elementary
student and these are my opinions.
America is getting worse. Please answer
my letter.

your truly,
Gail Perry

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Gail Perry

1 Haven Plaza Apt. 23D

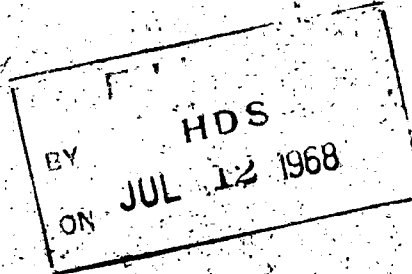
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The President of the United States
White House
Washington D.C.

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6/5/68
July 3, 1968



Miss Gail Perry
1 Haven Plaza
Apartment 23D
New York, New York

M, S
Dear Mrs. Perry:

cc 7/2
President Johnson has asked me to reply to your letter of June 5, 1968.

may 7/2
The authors who have criticized the conclusions of the Warren Commission do not claim to have any significant new evidence, so far as we are aware. Rather, their criticisms and demands for a new inquiry are based upon different conclusions they have drawn from parts of the same body of evidence that was examined by the Commission. The Commission made a thorough inquiry and detailed analysis of the facts concerning the assassination. The evidence amply supports the basic conclusions of the Commission. In these circumstances, we see no basis for a new inquiry.

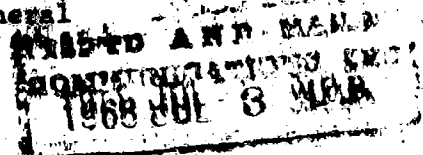
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I am sure you can appreciate that with regard to Messrs. Ray and Sirhan it would be most inappropriate for a Federal officer or agency to comment on criminal matters pending before state courts.

Your confidence in writing is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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FRED M. VINSON, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General



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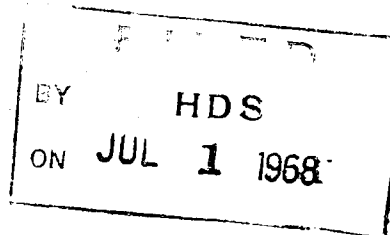
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June 24, 1968

AIR MAIL

Miss Shelly Winters
Pasadena
California



Dear Miss Winters:

The President has asked me to answer your telegram dated June 5, 1968.

We share your concern for the safety of our democratic and political institutions, and have participated in certain aspects of the investigation of the slaying of Senator Kennedy. However, under our Federal system, the primary responsibility for murder prosecutions rests with local authorities.

FW
NJC
6/21

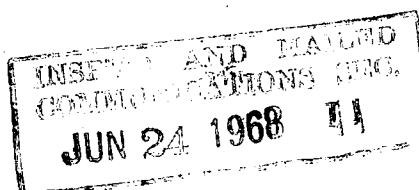
Thank you again for your expression of concern.

Sincerely,

Fred M. Vinson, Jr.
Assistant Attorney General

cc: Deputy Attorney General
Records ✓
Chron.
Mr. Lynch
Mr. Vinson

Mr. Petersen
Mr. Ruff
Mr. Cole



From
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

6/13/68

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Bill Lynch

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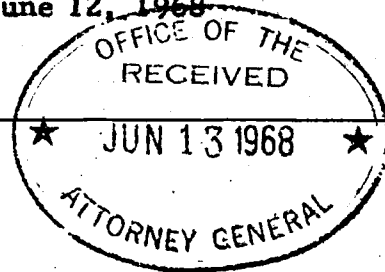
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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

REFERRAL

To: The Attorney General

Date: June 12, 1968



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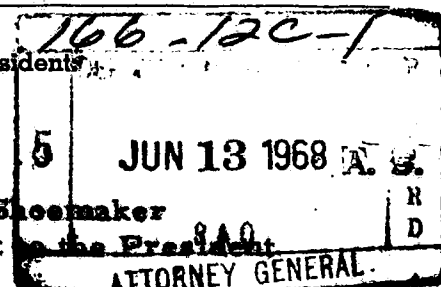
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 Date: 6/5/68
 Subject: Urging that President make the protection of the assailant of Robert F. Kennedy a national matter and not one for the city or state alone.

By direction of the President

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 Assistant to the President



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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR PRESIDENT AS YOU KNOW I HAVE WORKED VERY HARD AS DEDICATED
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INSTITUTIONS OF OUR COUNTRY AND ABOVE ALL OUR POLITICAL

CONSIDERATIONS. SINCERELY

SHELLY WINTERS.

T: 9/11/68

6/5/68
SEP 25 1968

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Miss Evelyn Murray
805 B Street
Lawton, Oklahoma 73501

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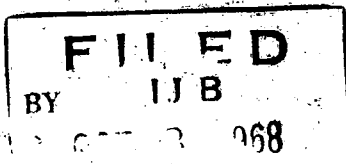
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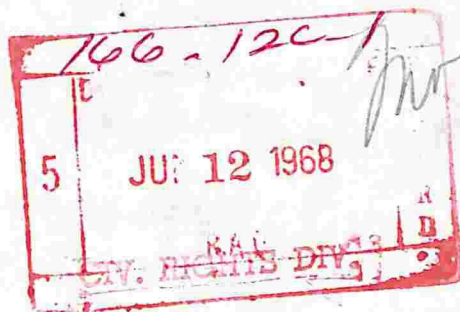
GABRIEL A. GUTIERREZ
Attorney
Western Section

cc: Records
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Justice

Santon, Okla.
June 5, 1968.

President of U.S.
White House
Washington, D.C.



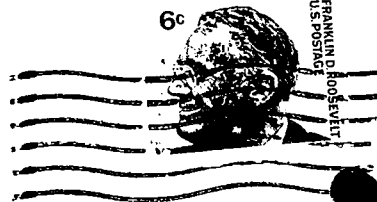
Dear Mr. President:

As a citizen of United States
I demand you stop or find or give
protection to ^{the} Kennedy Family.
I still think that the killing of
President Kennedy is a gang of hired
killers. I demand that you do
something about this.

Not only is this a danger to
us but people is not safe on
streets. I shall be waiting for
you to ~~report~~ take out and
give something of assurance
to Kennedy Family.
your truly
Evelyn Murray
805-B
Santon, Okla.

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J. B. Johnson President
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Mr. Gilbert F. Tiberio, Jr.
SP4 E4
USASA Support Group
Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755

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Attorney
Western Section

On OCT 4 1968

Comment
Re assassination of RFK
Feels it was communist inspired
Justice

5 June 1968

President Lyndon B. Johnson
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20310

Dear Mr. President:

Like all other people I am stricken with grief over the attempted assassination of Senator Kennedy.

I feel strongly that emphasis on this event and others is being place improperly. True, stricter gun control laws are needed, but I feel the problem is much deeper. Many people are saying that the American people are sick, sick people. I strongly believe that these assassinations and attempted assassinations over the years are Communist inspired. This maybe a false analogy but what better way is there to make the US appear chaotic at home as well as in our foreign affairs - especially Vietnam. When other nations see these things happening they must think that the United States is incapable of running its domestic affairs, thus causing many to lose faith in democracy itself.

Thank you for your kind attention.

I would appreciate an answer to this letter by anyone.

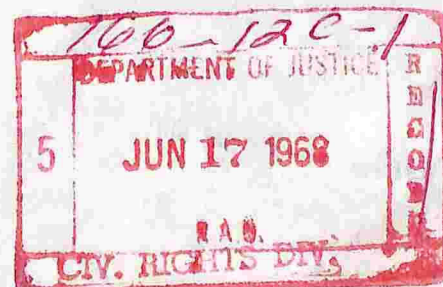
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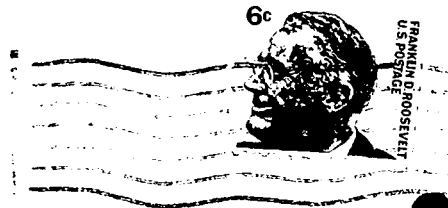
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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. 20500

Director
Federal Bureau of Investigation

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June 5, 1968

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Stephen J. Pollak
Assistant Attorney General
Civil Rights Division

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